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Application No. 12/177,617	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 22, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 093286-0146	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 15, 2009.

The request is **DISMISSED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Foley & Lrdner has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on November 20, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of: Haoxing Ren et al. Serial No.: 12/177,648 Filed: July 22, 2008 Docket No.: YOR920080336US1 Title: FLOW BASED PACKAGE PIN ASSIGNMENT	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 22, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1594.

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Watasue, Toshiaki	:	
Application No. 12/177,683	:	ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. TI-64859	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed March 6, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an Oath/Declaration, Replacement Drawings and the $130.00 late surcharge, (2) the petition fee, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing. Thereafter, the application will be referred to Technology Center AU 2612 for examination on the merits.

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In re Application of: SINHA, ARVIND K. Application No.: 12/177685 Filed: July 22, 2008 Title: FORMING A THREE-DIMENSIONAL STACKABLE DIE CONFIGURATION FOR AN ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT BOARD	: : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 22, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1, 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.2, and 6.5 above. Therefore,

the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Discussion

When referring to "the petition" herein below, the received papers under consideration include the four page PTO/SB/28 form "Petition to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program", the "pre-examination search document" (PESD) including pages 1-6; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-11, and two Information Disclosure Statements (IDS), one in support of the AESD, and the other not in support of the AESD.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching in the following class/subclasses combinations: 29/832, 841, 829, 830, 852. Appropriate subclasses in class 174 should be identified and searched as well.

Key words to search databases such as the NPL, EAST, WEST or equivalents would be: substrate, circuit, board, cavity, via, heat sink.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.2 outlined above, the petition fails to identify all of the limitations in the application claims that are disclosed in each of the reference(s) and where the limitation is disclosed in each of the cited reference. As stated in the policy published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), for each reference cited, the examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. The policy statement does not caveat "the independent claims", nor does it allow for grouping and general discussions. A grantable petition must delineate every limitation of every claim and identify where the equivalent limitation is disclosed in each piece of prior art cited on the IDS. As is published on www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/ in "Guidelines for Applicants under the new accelerated examination procedures"):

> *For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Applicants should specify where in each of the cited references the particular claim limitations are found. This process is intended to be analogous to the analysis an examiner uses when locating a relevant prior art reference and then determining whether the reference contains the claimed limitation. For each claimed limitation, the examiner would consider the disclosure of the reference and all reasonable portions in the reference where the limitation is shown. When preparing an Office Action, the examiner would correlate the limitation to the portion of reference which best characterizes the limitation. This part of the AESD is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of every conceivable subjective interpretation of how a claim limitation may read on the reference. Applicants should point out what are considered to be the relevant representations of the limitation in the reference. A limitation may be found in more than one portion of the reference and should be pointed out, yet the intention is not to have applicants point out every conceivable interpretation. The USPTO will adopt a rule of reason when evaluating this*

portion of the AESD. Unless the representation is so deficient that it would materially effect examination of the application (e.g., numerous instances where the limitations are not shown where applicant states they are), the representation will be deemed to be sufficient for this part of the AESD.

Petitioner's submission is not specific enough. Petitioner points out some limitations of some of the claims and provides direction to areas of the prior art where the corresponding limitation may be found. Petitioner does not address each discrete limitation (i.e., each single limitation, NOT multiple limitations bundled together) and state where it is (or state that it is not) found in each one of the most closely related prior art. For example, the mapping unto Warren's claim 1 on p. 5 of the AESD, and reproduced below, is considered to be incomplete:

Warren, U. S. Patent No. 6,435,883

Claim 1

With respect to claim 1, Warren teaches connecting land grid array 11 to a substrate member 16.

The mapping unto the most relevant prior art should follow the same format and specificity as Petitioner's showing of support under 35 USC 112 first paragraph (in response to the requirements of condition II: 6.5), as filed in the present petition, pages 8-10 of the AESD. The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") all the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) and by indicating where each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) of each one of said presently filed claims is taught (or is not taught) in each one of the most closely related references that is cited, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Limitations for which antecedent basis has been established and mapped unto the prior art reference need not be mapped repeatedly (the first time suffice). However limitations not disclosed must be specifically singled out (without bundling with disclosed limitations – to the extent possible). Note that disclosure may be express, implicit, or inherent. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., statements that do not spell out the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. The requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single limitation unto the prior art. Section II element 6.2 is not the proper venue to imply patentability by bundling limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.5 outlined above, the requirements of this section are not met because Petitioner did not show support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification for the application for which domestic priority is claimed. If the application for which domestic priority is claimed is identical to the present application, a statement to the effect that it is "substantially identical" in lieu of the required additional mapping is acceptable. Petitioner's attention is also drawn to the requirements relevant

under 35 U.S.C 112, 6th paragraph, listed above. Should this requirement not apply to the present application, Petitioner should make a statement in this regard (requirement presently satisfied).

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address all of the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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In re Application of: SINHA, ARVIND K. Serial No.: 12/177685 Filed: July 22, 2008 Title: FORMING A THREE-DIMENSIONAL STACKABLE DIE CONFIGURATION FOR AN ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT BOARD	: : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration filed on November 25, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The request has been treated as a renewed petition to make the above-identified application special and has been viewed as a supplement to and in combination with the original petition which was filed on July 22, 2008 and dismissed in the Office letter of November 14, 2008.

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the conditions as outlined in the prior petition decision. The conditions are not repeated herein.

REVIEW OF FACTS

As stated in the decision of November `4, 2004 conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.6 were considered to have been met. However, the petition failed to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.2, and 6.5. Upon reconsideration, the petition has failed to meet conditions II: 5.2, 6.2, and 6.5. In view of Petitioner's failure to meet the requirement of condition II: 6.2 as it will be explained below, it is suggested that Petitioner revisits the statements made in response to condition II: 6.3. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DISCUSSION

With regard to the requirements of condition II: 5.2, Petitioner failed to search subclass 29/841, as requested in the decision mailed November 14, 2008. In addition, the subclasses 29/832, 841, 829, 830, and 852 should have been searched top to bottom, and not limited to a Keywords search as indicated by the Petitioner.

With regard to the requirements of condition II: 6.2, Petitioner's mapping lacks specificity and it is believed to contain inaccuracies. The following proposed (partial) mapping unto Davidson 5,935,687 is reproduced below from p. 4 of the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD):

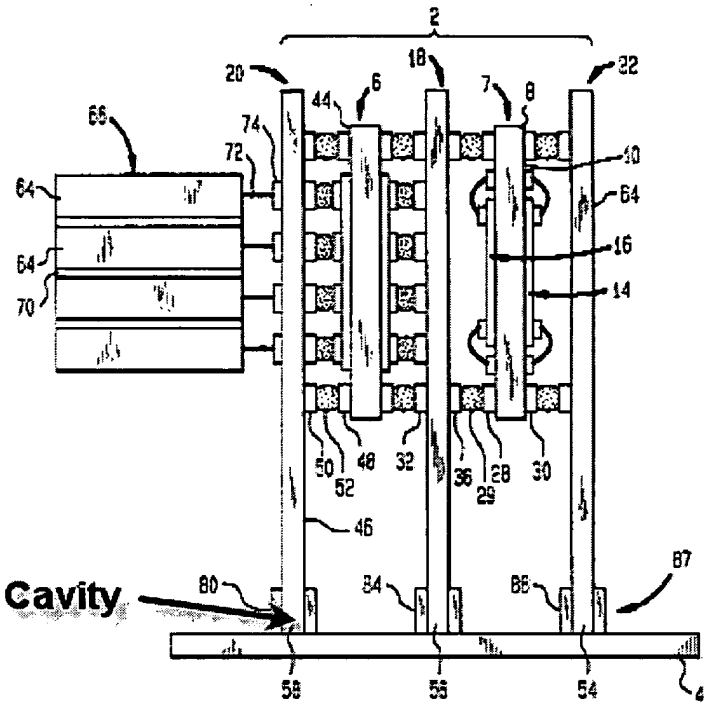
> 9(B) Identification of Limitations Disclosed by References
>
> **Davidson et al, U. S. Patent No. 5,935,687**
>
> Claim 1
>
> 1. A method of forming a three-dimensional die configuration for an electronic circuit board, the method comprising:
>
> locating a first electronic component **[not taught]** in at least one cavity **[not taught]** formed in a circuit board;
>
> positioning a first substrate member (20) in the at least one cavity **[not taught]**, the first substrate member including a first surface electrically connected to the first electronic component, and a second surface (46);

It is believed however that Davidson teaches the claimed limitations as suggested below:

1. A method of forming a three-dimensional die configuration for an electronic circuit board, the method comprising:

locating a first electronic component (Fig. 2, the printed circuit board of substrate 18, col. 3, l. 42) in at least one cavity (formed between the interconnection means 80, see also marked drawing from Fig. 1 of Davidson) formed in a circuit board 4, (col. 3, l. 27);

positioning a first substrate member 18 in the at least one cavity (formed between the interconnection means 80, see also marked drawing from Fig. 1 of Davidson), the first substrate member including a first surface (the metal substrate on 18, col. 3, l. 41) electrically connected (metals are electrical conductors; see also electrical conductors specifically taught on substrate 18 on col. 4, l. 33) to the first electronic component (Fig. 2, the printed circuit board of substrate 18, col. 3, l. 42), and a second surface (since metal substrate of 18 has a first surface, it would also have, implicitly, and second surface);



Davidson 5,935,687, Fig. 1

The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") all the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) and by indicating where <u>each discrete limitation</u> (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) of each one of said presently filed claims is taught (or is not taught) in <u>each one</u> of the most closely related references that is cited, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Limitations for which antecedent basis has been established and mapped unto the prior art reference need not be mapped repeatedly (the first time suffice). However limitations not disclosed must be specifically singled out (without bundling with disclosed limitations – to the extent possible). Note that disclosure may be express, implicit, or inherent. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., statements that do not spell out the text of the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. The requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single limitation unto the prior art. Section II element 6.2 is not the proper venue to imply patentability by bundling limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

With regard to the requirement of condition II: 6.3, Petitioner made the following statement, reproduced below from p. 12 of the AESD:

9(C) Detailed Explanation of Patentability

All the references identified above fail to at least teach or suggest the particular three-dimensional (3D) die configuration set forth in claim 1. In particular, while it is known to connect double sided land grid arrays to a substrate such as taught by Davidson, none of the references teach locating a first electronic component in at least one cavity formed in a circuit board and positioning a first substrate member in the at least one cavity.

It is suggested that Petitioner revisits above statement, in light of the proposed mapping unto Davidson as discussed above. However, if Petitioner is of the opinion that the above limitations do define over the prior art (e.g., Davidson), a more detailed explanation would be on point. It is however emphasized that Petitioner's present statements in response to the requirements of condition II: 6.3 did not cause the denial of the present petition, and that the comment made herewith is a suggestion only. Note that according the requirements of condition II: 6.3, Petitioner should provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over (each of) the reference(s) with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c), reproduced below:

§ 1.111 Reply by applicant or patent owner to a non-final Office action.
(b) In order to be entitled to reconsideration or further examination, the applicant or patent owner must reply to the Office action. The reply by the applicant or patent owner must be reduced to a writing which distinctly and specifically points out the supposed errors in the examiner's action and must reply to every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action. The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references. If the reply is with respect to an application, a request may be made that objections or requirements as to form not necessary to further consideration of the claims be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated. The applicant's or patent owner's reply must appear throughout to be a bona fide attempt to advance the application or the reexamination proceeding to final action. A general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section.
(c) In amending in reply to a rejection of claims in an application or patent under reexamination, the applicant or patent owner must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made. The applicant or patent owner must also show how the amendments avoid such references or objections.

With regard to the requirement of condition II: 6.5, Petitioner failed to show support under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph in the parent application for which domestic priority is claimed. A statement regarding claim language under 35 USC 112, 6th paragraph is missing too. Therefore, the requirements of section II element 6.5 are not met. A grantable petition requires petitioner to provide a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds specific support (i.e., page and line numbers and element number) under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification, and in each application for which the present application claims the benefit of domestic priority.

The requirement of section II element 6.5 can be satisfied by listing verbatim all the presently filed claims (by "copy and paste") and by indicating where the instant application (and separately each one of the priority documents – if applicable) teaches each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) in each one of said presently filed claims, by indicating the element number and/or the relevant page and line numbers. To the extent possible, Petitioner should indicate the enablement location in the specification as required by statute, i.e., "the manner and process of making and using it," rather than pointing to the first occurrence of establishing antecedent for the limitation in the specification. For this reason Petitioner should indicate, to the extent possible, the combination of the element, figure, page, (or paragraph), and line numbers in the specification where the mapped limitation is actually taught and enabled. If the application(s) for which domestic priority is claimed is/are identical to the present application, a statement to the effect that they are "substantially identical" in lieu of the required additional mapping is acceptable. Petitioner's attention is also drawn to the requirements relevant under 35 U.S.C 112, 6th paragraph, listed above. Should this requirement not apply to the present application, Petitioner should make a statement in this regard.

DECISION

For at least the above-stated reason (for failing to meet the requirement of section II: element 5.2, 6.2, and 6.5), the petition is **DENIED**. The application will remain in its regular status and will be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is reminded that a single opportunity to perfect the petition is given. Therefore, further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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Title: DOCUMENT PROCESSING SYSTEM
Attorney Docket No.: 247171-000350USC5
Pub. No.: US 2008/0285838 A1
Pub. Date: November 20, 2008

This is a decision on the request for republication of patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), filed on December 1, 2009, for the above-identified application.

The request under 37 CFR 1.221(a) is DISMISSED.

37 CFR 1.221(a) requires "a copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing system requirements and be accompanied by the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i)". If the request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the republication will not take place and the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) will be refunded. The processing fee will be retained.

The applicant did not supply a copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing system, as required by 37 CFR 1.221(a) because **the Applicant submitted the papers as a "Document for an existing application", which are entered into the application file, and not as a "Pre-Grant Publication" submission**. The request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, thus republication will not take place.

Any request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), must be submitted via the EFS system, as a Pre-Grant publication submission and must include a copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing system requirements. The applicant is directed to the following website for additional instructions on how to submit a Pre-Grant Publication submission via the electronic filing system:

http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/efs/pgpub_quickstart.pdf

Any questions or requests for reconsideration of the decision should be addressed as follows:

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Docket No.: 65068A US
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Ulrich Tribelhorn and Renate R. Herger Hassan

Application No.: 12/177,706

Confirmation No.: 4915

Filed: July 22, 2008

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

For: TWO PART POLYURETHANE CURABLE COMPOSITION HAVING SUBSTANTIALLY CONSISTENT G-MODULUS ACROSS THE RANGE OF USE TEMPERATURES

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.57(A)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the United States Patent Office to enter the attached drawings into the above-mentioned patent application and to accord the application the filing date of July 23, 2008. The USPTO is hereby authorized to deduct the $400.00 petition fee from the Assignees' Deposit Account No. 04-1512. If this estimate is incorrect, please charge or credit our account accordingly.

Also, attached is the Declaration and Power of Attorney. Please charge $130.00 to our Deposit Account No. 04-1512. If this estimate is incorrect, please charge or credit our account accordingly.

The above-mentioned application was filed electronically on July 23, 2008. Attached is a copy of the filing receipt. The application was filed without the appended drawings. Applicants attempted to file the drawings on the same day, but inadvertently checked the box asking for a new serial number and did not indicate the serial number of this application.

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.57(A)
IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION
DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

When this application was filed an application data sheet (ADS) was filed which claimed priority from Provisional Application 60/961,577, filed July 24, 2007. Attached, please find a copy of the ADS. According to 37 CFR 1.57(a), this claim of priority incorporates by reference the contents of the Provisional Application 60/961,577, which as filed contained Figures 1 and 2, appended hereto. As Provisional Application 60/961,577 was filed according to 35 USC 111, a copy is not required or provided herewith. Therefore, it is proper to enter the drawings and accord this application the filing date of July 23, 2008. Also, attached hereto is a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Applicants request refund of the $400.00 dollar petition fee. The Applicants are entitled to the filing date of July 23, 2008 without the presence of the drawings. This application claims a chemical composition which is adequately described and enabled as required by 35 USC 112 without the drawings. The drawings illustrate properties of the claimed composition, but do not provide a description of the composition, how to make the composition or use the composition. Therefore, Figures 1 and 2 are not required for an understanding of the claimed composition. As the drawings are not required for an understanding of the claimed invention, the application is entitled to its filing date without the inclusion of the drawings. As the application should have been accorded a filing date without the drawings, the petition fee should be refunded.

Dated: September 29, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of
Ulrich Triblehorn et al.
Application No. 12/177,706
Filed: July 22, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **65068AUS**

: DECISION GRANTING
: PETITION

This is a decision on the filing date petition filed September 29, 2008 under 37 CFR 1.57(a). The petition is treated under 37 CFR 1.53(e)(2).

The application was filed on July 22, 2008. However, on August 1, 2008 the Office of Data Management mailed a Notice of Incomplete Application stating that the application had not been filed with drawings and thus, the application could not be accorded a filing date.

In response, the present petition was filed. Petitioner contends that the instant application, upon filing, properly claimed priority to previously filed provisional U.S. Application No. 60/961,577 which was incorporated by reference.

Petitioner's arguments and evidence have been considered. However, a review of the application confirms that, as filed, the application contained at least one method claim and at least one composition claim. MPEP 601.01(f) provides that:

> It has been USPTO practice to treat an application that contains at least one process or method claim as an application for which a drawing is not necessary for an understanding of the invention under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence). The same practice has been followed in composition applications.

Thus, pursuant to § 601.01(f), a drawing is not considered essential for a filing date. The instant application is entitled to a filing date without drawings present in the application.

Accordingly, the Office should have granted the application a filing date and mailed a Notice of Omitted Items instead of a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application.

As stated in MPEP 601.01(g) under the section entitled, "Application Entitled to a Filing Date," applicant may submit an amendment to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawing(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a):

> [i]f an application was filed on or after September 21, 2004, and contains a claim under 37 CFR 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application that was present on the filing date of the application, and the omitted portion of the drawing(s) was inadvertently omitted from the application and is completely contained in the prior-filed application[.]

Please note that no petition is required and that the amendment must comply with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 37 CFR 1.121. See MPEP § 201.17. Any amendment to include the inadvertently omitted drawing(s) will be considered by the examiner.

To the extent the instant petition requests a filing date of July 22, 2008 with no drawings present in the application, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Given the basis for granting this petition, the petition fee is being refunded.

Pursuant to this decision, the application has been referred to Office of Patent Application Processing for:

- correction of the filing date to July 22, 2008
- for indication in Office records, as appropriate, that "0" sheets of drawings were present on filing and
- for issuance of a filing receipt.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Patricia Faison-Ball at (571) 272-3212.

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Applicant: Sherman
Appl. No.: 12/177,730
Filing Date: July 22, 2008
Title: SEQUENTIAL CHEMICAL VAPOR DEPOSITION
Attorney Docket No.: ASMMC.9CPDVDDV
Pub. No.: US 2008/0280039 A1
Pub. Date: November 13, 2008

This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on January 8, 2009 for the above-identified application

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error on the front page of the application wherein the assignee's name "ASM America, Inc." is misspelled.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent. [1]

The error on the front page of the publication wherein the assignee's name was improperly printed may be an Office error, but it is a not material Office error under 37 CFR 1.221. The misspelling of an assignee's name does not affect the understanding of the application. The mistakes do not affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, or determine the scope of the patent application publication or determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.

[1] Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

On August 5, 2008, a Filing Receipt was mailed by the Office, which listed the assignee's name as "SAM". To avoid this type of problem in the future, applicant's representative should make request a corrected filing receipt prior export of the application to the publisher which is approximately 10 weeks before the projected publication date, which is listed on the Filing Receipt and/or prior to publication of the application.

It is noted that this application was filed via EFS with and Application Data Sheet (ADS). The form fillable ADS permits the entered data to be automatically loaded into the Office's electronic systems, such as PALM when electronically submitted. Printing the form, scanning it to create a PDF and submitting the scan of the printed form will require Office Personnel to key in the information by hand.

The applicant is advised that a "request for republication of an application previously published" may be filed under 37 CFR 1.221(a). Such a request for republication "must include a copy of the application compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements and be accompanied by the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i)." If the request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the republication will not take place and the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) will be refunded. The processing fee will be retained.

A guide for filing a request for a Pre-Grant Publication, such as a request for republication, may be found on the link below:

http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/tutorials.htm

Any request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), must be submitted via the EFS system, as a "Pre-Grant Publication" and questions or request for reconsideration of the decision, should be addressed as follows:

By mail to: Mail Stop PGPUB
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Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to Mark Polutta at (571) 272-7709.

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In re Application of:
Anderson et al..
Serial No.: 12/177,748
Filed: July 22, 2008
Docket: 50196-00080
For: **Voting and Headend Insertion Model for Targeting Content in a Broadcast Network**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 22, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The **conditions I 1-4, II 1-5, II 5.1, II 5.3 and II 6.1–II 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II 5.2 above**. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and item II.5.2 above, the preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims, and does not appear to have given the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation.

Specifically, the text search strategy should be added to supplement the classified search performed. Here is an example search strategy that would complete this requirement.

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This strategy or a rough equivalent should be performed on a database that includes US Patents, US PG Pubs, Foreign Patents and Non Patent Literature.

Petitioner should review all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarifications if deemed necessary.

The search document states that the class and subclasses were searched. It should be noted that it is rare that a text search by itself would be considered a complete search strategy. MPEP 904.02. A recommended search strategy is a couple of the most relevant subclasses are searched by themselves viewing each document or

combined in a text search with a few relevant terms. A larger subset of subclasses can be combined with more search terms.

Finally, based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following class and subclasses is recommended in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: Class 705 (Data Processing: Financial, Business Practice, Management etc.), Subclass 14 (distribution or redemption of coupon, or incentive or promotion program); and Class 725 (Interactive Video Distribution), Subclass 46 (Operator Interface, EPG, based on personal preference, profile, viewing history).

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per item 5.1 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; a new Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any newly found prior art, and the Accelerated Examination Support Document must also be amended to include the necessary reference and discussion of any newly found and cited prior art in accordance with all of items 6 through 6.6 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christopher Grant, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7294. A second point of contact is QAS Chau Nguyen whose number is (571)-272-3126.

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Filed: July 22, 2008
Docket: 50196-00080
For: **Voting and Headend Insertion Model for Targeting Content in a Broadcast Network**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on January 7, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on July 22, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on December 8, 2008.

The renewed petition to make the application special is **GRANTED.**

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:

If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
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9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christopher Grant, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7294. A second point of Contact is Chau Nguyen at (571)-272-3126.

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In re Application of	:	
Raymond John Donohoe, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/177,752	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 22, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. A09197C01/T080810	:	FROM RECORD
	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR §§ 1.36(b), or 10.40 filed July 22, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request cannot be approved because the attorney cannot withdraw using Customer Number 20350. The Power of Attorney filed on November 12, 2008 originally granted power of attorney to Customer Number 57385.

Additionally, the Office will also no longer change the correspondence address to that of a new practitioner unless the Request is accompanied by a power of attorney to a new practitioner (*See* USPTO Form PTO/SB/82).

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-3226. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of :
Samuel Lax :

Application No. 12177754 :DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
Filed: :UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
:

Attorney Docket No. LIFESU-51196

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1) ,filed 22-JUL-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded “special” status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquires concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/177,781	:	ON PETITION
Filed: July 22, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. Adams/01	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 2, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (Notice), mailed August 1, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 2, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of replacement drawings, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

The application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further processing.

Telephone inquires related to this decision should be directed to Alicia Kelley at (571) 272-6059. Telephone inquiries related to processing at OPAP should be directed to their hotline at (571) 272-4000.

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In re Application of	:	
Irit Scheflan, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/177,817	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 22, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 74224.00002	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 20, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Mord Michael Lewis on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first named inventor Mord Michael Lewis at the address indicated below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at 571-272-2991.

Terri Johnson
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

cc: **Irit Scheflan**
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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 10/20/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of :
Schweighart et al. :
Application No.12/177,849 : ON PETITION
Filed: July 22, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. TER-007 :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 2, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a response to a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, which was mailed on September 19, 2008. The Notice to File Corrected Application Paper set an extendable two (2) month period for reply. No timely request for extension of time was obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on November 20, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 27, 2009.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C) and (D). The instant petition lacks item(s) (1).

A review of the reply submitted shows that petitioner has supplied an application data sheet (ADS) to meet the requirements of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers. A review of the application data sheet shows it is not titled supplemental application data sheet and it is not

signed. See 37 CFR 1.76(c). The Office notes that 37 CFR 1.33(b) requires that amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27(c)(2)(ii), filed in an application must be signed by an appropriate party. Therefore, an ADS, supplemental ADS, or a substitute amendment submitted after the filing of an application must be signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33(b).

It is further noted that the replacement sheet of drawing does not indicate that it is figure 2.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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Application No.12/177,849	:	ON PETITION
Filed: July 22, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. TER-007	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 1, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a response to a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, which was mailed on September 19, 2008. The Notice to File Corrected Application Paper set an extendable two (2) month period for reply. No timely request for extension of time was obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on November 20, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 27, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a signed supplemental application data sheet and replacement drawings, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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Schweighart et al.	:	
Application No.12/177,862	:	ON PETITION
Filed: July 22, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. TER-008	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 2, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a response to a Notice to File Missing Parts, which was mailed on August 1, 2008. The Notice to File Missing Parts set an extendable two (2) month period for reply. No timely request for extension of time was obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). An incomplete reply was submitted on August 29, 2008. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on October 2, 2008. This decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C) and (D). The instant petition lacks item(s) (1).

A review of the reply submitted shows that petitioner has supplied an application data sheet (ADS) to meet the requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts. A review of the application data sheet shows it is not titled supplemental application data sheet and it is not signed. See 37

CFR 1.76(c). The Office notes that 37 CFR 1.33(b) requires that amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27(c)(2)(ii), filed in an application must be signed by an appropriate party. Therefore, an ADS, supplemental ADS, or a substitute amendment submitted after the filing of an application must be signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33(b).

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Application No.12/177,862	:	ON PETITION
Filed: July 22, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. TER-008	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 1, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a response to a Notice to File Missing Parts, which was mailed on August 1, 2008. The Notice to File Missing Parts set an extendable two (2) month period for reply. No timely request for extension of time was obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). An incomplete reply was submitted on August 29, 2008. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on October 2, 2008. This decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a signed supplemental application data sheet, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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In re Application of: Dean Herring et al. Serial No.: 12/177,878 Filed: July 22, 2008 Docket No.: RPS920070307US2 Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FLOATING CONNECTOR CAPTURE	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 22, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1569.

Jose G. Dees, Quality Assurance Specialist
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In re Application of :
Venetsky, et al. :
Application No. 12/177,913 : ON PETITION
Filed: July 23, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. NC PAX 24

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 9, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The application became abandoned on November 5, 2008, after a complete and proper response was not received to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-provisional Application mailed September 4, 2008, which set a shortened period for reply of two-months from its mailing date. The notice required a properly executed oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 and payment of a surcharge for the late filing of the same. A response was not received. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed May 8, 2009.

The declaration filed September 9, 2009, is noted.

Deposit account 50-0938 will be charged $130.00 for the surcharge for the late filing of the declaration.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further review.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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Josef WILLER, et al	:	
Application No. 12/177,930	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. 5682-042	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 10, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

Accordingly, the request cannot be approved because it is not clear whether the act noted above at item 1 has been performed.

Further, the Office will no longer accept address changes to a new practitioner or law firm filed with a Request, absent the filing of a power of attorney to the new representative. The Office will either change the correspondence address of record to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71 or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record under 37 CFR 3.71, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor. In this regard, the request cannot be approved because no correspondence address has been provided.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6735.

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Applicant	: Stanislaw Marczyk	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7637409	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 12/29/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/177,954	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 07/23/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of
Al-Arifi
Application No.12/177,979
Filed: July 23, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 209,748

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 2, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a response to a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, which was mailed on August 5, 2008. The Notice to File Corrected Application Paper set an extendable two (2) month period for reply. No timely request for extension of time was obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on October 6, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 10, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of replacement drawings, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney document must be submitted.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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In re Application of :
Chien-Hua Chu, et al. :
Application No. 12/178,054 : NOTICE
Filed: July 23, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. JCLA26511 :

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. **See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).**

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. **1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989)**. Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **ACCEPTED**.

This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, all future fees paid in this application must be paid at the large entity rate.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the April M. Wise at (571) 272-1642.

/Carl Friedman/
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Paper No.: _____

DATE : 03/02/10

TO SPE OF : ART UNIT 2835

SUBJECT : Request for Certificate of Correction for Appl. No.: 12178060 Patent No.: 7643290

Please respond to this request for a certificate of correction within 7 days.

FOR IFW FILES:

Please review the requested changes/corrections as shown in the **COCIN** document(s) in the IFW application image. No new matter should be introduced, nor should the scope or meaning of the claims be changed.

Please complete the response (see below) and forward the completed response to scanning using document code **COCX**.

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Please review the requested changes/corrections as shown in the attached certificate of correction. Please complete this form (see below) and forward it with the file to:

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Applicant	: Susheela N. Narasimhan	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7643290	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 01/05/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Application No	: 12/178,060	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 07/23/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/178,120	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 23, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **9065-001**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 07, 2008.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Maccord Mason PLLC has been revoked by the applicants of the patent application on October 06, 2008. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 571-272-4231.

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In re Application of TAJIMA, TAKASHI, et al. Application No. 12/178,134 Filed: July 23, 2008 Attorney Docket No. 2008_1241	: : : : : : :	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed January 30, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition is deficient as follows:

Petitioner has not complied with item 6. Copies of the documents cited by JPO examiner of International Publication No. 1999/01855 and Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2006-23149 have not been submitted.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Response must be faxed to Kenneth Wieder at 571-273-2986 (RightFax) or 571-273-0308 or via EFS-web.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kenneth Wieder at 571-272-2986.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

Kenneth A. Wieder
Quality Assurance Specialist
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In re Application of	:	
TAJIMA, TAKASHI, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/178,134	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: July 23, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 2008_1241	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed March 11, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kenneth Wieder at 571-272-2986.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of :
Khorshid :
Application No.12/178,152 :
Filed: July 23, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. 209843 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 2, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a response to a Notice to File Missing Parts, which was mailed on August 18, 2008. The Notice to File Corrected Application Paper set an extendable two (2) month period for reply. No timely request for extension of time was obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on October 19, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 23, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of replacement drawings, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney document must be submitted.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

Charlema Grant
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In re Application:	:	
Elmar Platzgummer	:	
Application No. 12/178,153	:	NOTICE
Filed: July 23, 2008	:	
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This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28.

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue patent under 37 CFR 1.56. **1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989)**. Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **ACCEPTED**.

This patent application is no longer entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, all future fees paid in this patent must be paid at the large entity rate.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6059.

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In re Application of: Jonathan Limburn
Serial No: 12/178,155
Filed: July 23, 2008
Docket: GB920080197US1
Title: Linking UML Activity Diagram Nodes to UML Class Diagram Nodes by Using Propertie from Applied Stereotypes

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 23, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:

If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:

To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Gail Hayes, Quality Assurance Specialist, (571) 272-3591.

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In re application of Takashi Tajima et al. Application No. 12/178,156 Filed: July 23, 2008 For: MAP INFORMATION DISPLAY APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREOF	:	**DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed January 14, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of the latest Office action from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

In light of the preliminary amendment filed January 14, 2009 with the petition, the request to participate in the PPH program complies with the above requirements. Therefore, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Steven N. Meyers, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-6611.

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In re Application of	:	
Pettegrew et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/178,281	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: July 23, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 04,122-D	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed April 27, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office will require the practitioner(s) to certify that he, she or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the reply period, which the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40 (c).

The request was signed by Stephen Lesavich, on behalf of all practitioners of record associated with Customer Number 32097.

Customer Number 32097 has been withdrawn as attorney of record. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below.

There are no outstanding Office actions that require a reply from the applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6059. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 04/27/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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In re Application of	:	
Sheng et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/178,289	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 7/23/2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No.	:	PILOT PROGRAM
011709/P/03/USA/EES/SOLAR		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/09/2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition

must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 9 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Tom Dunn at 571-272-1171.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1795 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Applicant	: Ashok K. Kapoor	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7605031	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 10/20/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/178,291	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 07/23/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of: LYDIA M. DO et al. Serial No.: 12/178,294 Filed: July 23, 2008 Attorney Docket number: **AUS920080347US1** Title: **METHOD OF PRESSURE DETECTION FOR SELECTIVE SCANNING OF A DOCUMENT**	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 23, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II, items 6.2-6.6.

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirements in items 6.2-6.6 above, the Accelerated Examination Support Document is deficient in sections 9(A)-9(F) because applicant has provided only headings for sections 9(A)-9(F) but has not provided a list of the claim(s); a list of the references as cited from the Information Disclosure Statement in support of the Accelerated Examination Support Document; an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference; a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c); a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims; a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification; an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

For the reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of:
DO, LYDIA M. et al
Serial No.: 12/178,294
Filed: July 23, 2008

Title: **METHOD OF PRESSURE DETECTION FOR SELECTIVE SCANNING OF A DOCUMENT**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration filed January 21, 2009, which is also a response to the petition decision mailed December 19, 2008. The request for reconsideration filed January 21, 2009 is considered together with the original petition filed July 23, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

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3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

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The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

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6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The petition decision mailed December 19, 2008 set forth that the originally filed petition failed to comply with conditions set forth under section II, items 6.2 through 6.6 above.

The requirement in section II, item 6.2 and 6.3 has not been met by the January 21, 2009 Amended Accelerated Examination Support Document. As set forth in the decision mailed December 19, 2008,

> an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference; a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c);

The requirements in section II, items 6.2 and 6.3 have not been fully met by the January 21, 2009 Amended Accelerated Examination Support Document. As set forth in the decision mailed December 19, 2008, sections 9(B) and 9(C) failed to specify for each reference cited in the IDS, an identification for all of the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Three out of the four references cited on the IDS were discussed in detail. A fourth reference, US Patent No. 6,753,981 to Park cited in the original IDS in support of the accelerated examination request was not discussed in detail as required by item 6.2 above. Also, the decision indicated a failure to provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over **each** of the references cited with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c) (emphasis added). A review of the Amended Accelerated Examination Support Document filed January 21, 2009 finds that while applicant has provided necessary details in accordance with items 6.2 and 6.3 for the three references cited in section 9(A), there remains the fact that a previously cited reference on the originally filed IDS has not been discussed in items 9(B) or 9(C), as required in the decision mailed December 19, 2008. Namely, US Patent No. 6,753,981 to Park. Accordingly, the Accelerated Examination Support Document remains deficient. In accordance with items 6.2 and 6.3 above, the necessary detailed discussions must be in regard to **each** cited reference.

The requirements in section II, items 6.4 through 6.6 have been met.

DECISION

Accordingly, the petition taken together with the request for reconsideration is **denied**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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Andrew Albert.	:	
Application No. 12/178,308	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 23, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. ALBAND P01AUS	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed December 18, 2008.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request cannot be approved because the practitioner(s) requesting the withdrawal have not certified that they have (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intend to withdraw from employment; (2) deliver to the client or duly authorized representative of the client papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond. The failure to do so may subject the practitioner to discipline.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of	:	
Cerise, et al.	:	DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Application No. 12/178,314	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: July 23, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 026595-006730US	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed November 12, 2008.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

The current Rule 47 petition fee is $200.00. Petitioner has paid $130.00. Pursuant to petitioner's authorization, deposit account no. 20-1430 will be charged the $70.00 balance due.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventors, Michael W. Rogers and William R. Grant, have constructively refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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In re Application of :
Cerise, et al. :
Application No. 12/178,314 : LETTER
Filed: July 23, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. 026595-006730US

Dear Mr. Rogers:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Attorney Docket: JP920072US2
Title: SYSTEMS, METHODS AND COMPUTER PRODUCTS FOR NAME DISAMBIGUATION BY USING PRIVATE/ GLOBAL DIRECTORIES, AND COMMUNICATION CONTEXTS

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on 23 July 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

In the interest of expediting examination on the instant application, the petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

Note: Although the petition decision is granted, a review of item 8 (A) Pre-Examination Search US field of Search class/subclass search indicates that class 715 subclasses 531, 532, and 533 has been searched; however, subclasses 531, 532, and 533 have been abolished since November 6, 2007. Therefore, the indication of sub-classification text search in 715 is improper. It is recommended that an updated search to be performed and supplied using the current US classification 715 subclasses 200-277. Also, in an updated examination search document, it is recommended that the following text search be performed to provide complete coverage of claim terminology:
LDAP, listings, phonebook, contact, ACL, decompose, parse, extract, match

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated

accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3613.

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In re Application of	:	
WALLIN, Arne	:	
Application No. 12/178,350	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 23, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **5146-08-12 (Wallin-08.US)**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed July 24, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by Arne Wallin attesting that he is over 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 571-272-4231
All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for processing. This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is done.

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Applicant	: Michael A. McAfee	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7597273	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 10/06/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/178,370	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 07/23/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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Application No. 12/178,407
Filed: July 23, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **QIM 2007 P 52060 US**

DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed June 16, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The request cannot be approved because the attorney cannot withdraw attorneys' individually when the power of attorney was originally granted by Customer Number in the "Declaration for Patent Application, Power of Attorney & Designation of Correspondence Address" filed September 18, 2008.

The Office will only accept correspondence address changes to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest *who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71,* or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor. 37 CFR 3.71(c) states:

> *An assignee becomes of record either in a national patent application or a reexamination proceeding by filing a statement in compliance with § 3.73(b) that is signed by a party who is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.*

The assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, the statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4584.

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Narayanaswamy et al.	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Application No. 12/178,461	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: July 23, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. H0018590	:	

This is a decision on the "PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47," filed July 23, 2008.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application. Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed on July 23, 2008, with a declaration executed by joint inventors Narayanaswamy, Krishnan and Pathakoti on behalf of themselves and on behalf of non-signing joint inventor Ghuman. The application as filed included the instant petition. Applicants petition to file the above-identified application without the declaration of joint inventor Ghuman on account of his unavailability or unwillingness to execute a declaration in the application.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or found, after diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application

papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. The instant petition does not satisfy requirements (1), (2) and (4) above.

The petition includes payment of the petition fee and states a last known address for non-signing inventor Ghuman.

However, with respect to requirement (1) above, rule 47 applicants have not submitted adequate proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or found after diligent effort, or has refused to join in the application. Specifically, although efforts were undertaken, it is not concluded that the efforts were diligent.

In support of their contention, applicants submit the declaration of John A. Griffiths. This declaration reveals that attorney Griffiths attempted but was not able to obtain a current address for inventor Ghuman from one of the co-inventors or from Honeywell paralegal Janet Hortenbach or from Honeywell liaison Suprio Dasgupta. In addition, he sent the application papers to inventor Ghuman by e-mail; however, attorney Griffiths did not receive confirmation that the e-mail was successfully received or read by the inventor.

Further, although the petition indicates that Ms. Hortenbach undertook a search for inventor Ghuman, no statement in support of the petition by Ms. Hortenbach was submitted. Nor was any documentary evidence, such as results of internet searches, submitted. The rules of practice state that:

> The statement of facts must be signed, where at all possible, by a person having firsthand knowledge of the facts recited therein. Statements based on hearsay will not normally be accepted. Copies of documentary evidence such as internet searches, certified mail return receipts, cover letters of instructions, telegrams, that support a finding that the nonsigning inventor could not be found or reached should be made part of the statement. The steps taken to locate the whereabouts of the nonsigning inventor should be included in the statement of facts. It is important that the statement contain facts as opposed to conclusions.

Thus, to satisfy this deficiency, applicant should submit a statement from Ms. Hortenbach and documentary evidence to support a conclusion that diligent efforts were undertaken to locate inventor Ghuman. If inventor Ghuman is found, a bona fide effort must be undertaken to present the inventor with all of the application papers before it can be concluded that he is unwilling or refuses to join in the application. (If inventor Ghuman is found and signs the declaration, then applicant should be mindful to insure that the declaration is in compliance and does not include any non-initialed changes. Such a signed declaration would also be a proper reply to this decision.)

Moreover, with respect to requirements (2) and (4), neither the declaration nor the petition includes the address at which the inventor customarily receives mail. As stated in MPEP § 605.03, the last known address should be set forth as the one at which the inventor customarily receives mail. Ordinarily, the last known address will be the last known residence of the nonsigning inventor. Likewise, the "mailing address" is the address where applicant customarily receives mail. See 37 CFR 1.63(c)(1) and 37 CFR 1.76. In this instance, applicants have provided the address of Honeywell as the last known address. The record does not support a conclusion that inventor Ghuman customarily receives mail at Honeywell. This is particularly true since inventor Ghuman no longer works at Honeywell and personnel at Honeywell do not have any forwarding address information for the inventor.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Jetender Ghuman	: DECISION NOTING JOINDER
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Chandrashekar Pathakoti	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT
Application No. 12/178,461	:
Filed: July 23, 2008	:
Atty Docket No. H0018590	:

This is in response to the RESPONSE TO DENIAL OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), filed April 30, 2009.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

The above-identified application was filed with a declaration executed by joint inventors Narayanaswamy, Krishnan and Pathakoti on behalf of themselves and on behalf of nonsigning inventor Ghuman. Accompanying this declaration was the initial petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requesting acceptance of the declaration without the signature of inventor Ghuman. By decision mailed March 5, 2009, the petition was dismissed for failure to show that inventor Ghuman was unavailable to join in the application within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.47.

On instant renewed petition filed April 30, 2009, applicants submit a declaration signed by previously non-signing inventor Ghuman.

The declarations filed July 23, 2008 and April 30, 2009 have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is not necessary and the petition is

considered moot. This application does not have any Rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application will be examined in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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In re Application of	:
Carlisle et al.	: DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF
Application Number: 12/178679	: INVENTOR AND PETITION
Filing Date: 07/24/2008	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT
Attorney Docket Number:	:
NORE0092	:

This is a decision in reference to the petition, filed on March 6, 2009 and treated under 37 CFR 1.47(a).[1]

On March 6, 2009, petitioners filed a declaration signed by all joint inventors except non-signing joint inventor Andrew Carlisle. The subject petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) was also filed.

On March 10, 2008, petitioners filed a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 signed by the previously non-signing inventor, Andrew Carlisle.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

As the fully executed declaration was received prior to treatment of the Rule 47 petition on the merits, no petition fee is due. The petition fee will be credited to counsel's deposit account.

[1] A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is inappropriate in this instance since all but one of the inventors has signed the declaration. A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is only appropriate where none of the inventors will sign. Accordingly, the petition will be treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application will be referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2173 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/178,731	:	NOTICE
Filed: July 18, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. **JCLA26810**	:	

This is a notice regarding your request filed September 30, 2009, for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28.

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. **1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989)**. Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **ACCEPTED**.

This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, all future fees paid in this application must be paid at the large entity rate.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4584.

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Applicant	: Henry E. Holsten	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7588174	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
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Appliction No	: 12/178,739	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of	:	
HENNIG, JENS et al	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/178,750	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 230102	:	PILOT PROGRAM
Title: EXPANDABLE LINE SUPPORT FOR WIND TURBINE		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 21, 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant

will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived. The petition lacks item(s) #1 and #5.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 416/244.00R) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

In regard to item 5, petitioner should note that the instant petition includes a statement identifying the basis for the special status (i.e., whether the instant invention (1) materially enhances the quality of the environment or materially contributes to (2) development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation, or (3) greenhouse gas reduction) as required by sections II and III of the notice. However, as stated in the notice, applicant must also provide a statement pertaining to the materiality standard if the application disclosure is not clear on its face as to the materiality of the basis for the special status of the invention. This petition lacks such a statement and it is not agreed that the application on its face meets that materiality standard. The statement provided fails to explain how the present invention materially contributes to the development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation.

Any reconsideration of this decision should be submitted through the USPTO electronic filing system, EFS-Web, and selecting the document description of "Petition for Green Tech Pilot" on the EFS-Web screen.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen at 571-272-4856. The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action in its regular turn.

/Henry C. Yuen/

Henry C. Yuen
Quality Assurance Specialist
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In re Application of	:	
Patrick Achenbach and Jens Hennig	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12178750	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 230102	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 06/11/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth in 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009) and amended by 75 Federal Register Notice 28554 (May 21, 2010).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 2) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 3) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 4) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 8 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Henry Yuen at 571-272-4856.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Henry Yuen/

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/178,776	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. ROC920080262US1 (IBM 47)	:	FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 23, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request was signed by E. Eric Mills on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 74342. All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 74342 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first named inventor Steven Michael Douskey at the address indicated below.

There are no pending Office actions at the present time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

/AMW/
April M. Wise
Petitions Examiner
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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 01/23/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BASED ON AGE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

Application Information

Application Number	12/178803	Confirmation Number	7013	Filing Date	July 24, 2008
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	67269-004PUS1	Art Unit		Examiner	
First Named Inventor	Robert D. Cuppetilli				
Title of Invention	VEHICLE PROPULSION ARRANGEMENT				

Attention: Office of Petitions
An application may be made special for advancement of examination upon filing of a petition showing that the applicant is 65 years of age, or more. No fee is required with such a petition. See 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP 708.02 (IV).

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION IN THIS APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP 708.02 (IV) ON THE BASIS OF THE APPLICANT'S AGE.

A grantable petition requires one of the following items:
(1) Statement by one named inventor in the application that he/she is 65 years of age, or more; or
(2) Certification by a registered attorney/agent having evidence such as a birth certificate, passport, driver's license, etc. showing one named inventor in the application is 65 years of age, or more.

Name of Inventor who is 65 years of age, or older

Given Name	Middle Name	Family Name	Suffix
Robert	D.	Cuppetilli	

A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33 and 10.18.
Please see 37 CFR 1.4(d) for the format of the signature.

Select (1) or (2) :

(●) (1) I am an inventor in this application and I am 65 years of age, or more.

( ) (2) I am an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, and I certify that I am in possession of evidence, and will retain such in the application file record, showing that the inventor listed above is 65 years of age, or more.

Signature	Robert D. Cuppetilli	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	07-07-08
Name	Robert D. Cuppetilli		

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Chih-Kang Yeh et al.	:	
Application No. 12/178,827	:	NOTICE
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. **JCLA26812**	:	

This is a notice regarding your request filed September 30, 2009, for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28.

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. **1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989)**. Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **ACCEPTED**.

This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, all future fees paid in this application must be paid at the large entity rate.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4584.

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In re Application of	:	
Steven Michael Douskey et al.	:	
Application No. 12/178,833	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. ROC920080263US1 (IBM 48)	:	FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 23, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by E. Eric Mills on behalf of all attorneys/agents associated with customer number 74342. All attorneys/agents associated with customer number 74342 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

Future correspondence will be mailed to the address of the first signing inventor.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

Kimberly Inabinet
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 01/23/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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Jacob V. Nielsen	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/178,839	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. F021-P09344US	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 21, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that on November 12, 2009 the power of attorney to Foley and Lardner LLP was revoked by the assignee of the patent application. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272- 7751. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Joan Olszewski
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of: GURMAN, ROBERT Serial No.: 12/178,848 Filed: July 24, 2008 Title: **PROPERTY LOCATOR SYSTEM**	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 24, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II. items 5.2, 5.3, and 6:6.1-6.5.

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement in item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: The US field of search and database searches which are to be provided under section 8(A) are not sufficient. In addition to the search areas provided, applicant would also need to search the following class/subclass: 235/375 and 340/568.1

Regarding the requirement in items 6:6.1-6.5 above, petitioner does not provide an accelerated examination support document at all. Pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the petition must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.
An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

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6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per items 5.2 and 5.3 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; an Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any previously and newly found prior art in support of the petition for accelerated examination, and an Accelerated Examination Support Document must be filed and include the necessary discussion of any

previously and newly found and cited prior art in accordance with all of items 6 through 6.6 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of	:	
Hongsheng Zhang	:	
Application No.: 12/178,849	:	ON PETITION
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No.: 93754SHS	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed February 17, 2010, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on February 1, 2010, cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3653 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

/SDB/

Sherry D. Brinkley
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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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In re Application of	:	
IRVIN, DAVID J. et al.	:	SEP 21 2009
Application No.: 12/178,947	:	DECISION ON
Filing or 371(c) Date: July 24, 2008	:	PETITION
Attorney Docket Number: 99453	:	

This is a decision in response to the "Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment," filed August 27, 2009.

This petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the Notice of Allowance, mailed April 29, 2009.

In view of the foregoing, the holding of abandonment for failure to timely pay the issue fee is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 756-1547.

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In re Application of	:	
Wesley Mark McAfee	:	
Application No. 12/178,953	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. ABTA001US2	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed July 24, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age and health as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes a statement by applicant's attorney on his behalf. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Applicant has also provided a medical certificate as supporting evidence for the petition to make special based on health. This petition is also **GRANTED**.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Upon completion of the pre-examination processing by the Office of Patent Application Processing, this application will be referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3723 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Kimberly Inabinet

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Application No. 12/178,958	:	ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. VSS2834/US	:	

This is in response to the PETITION FOR DATE OF DEPOSIT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(e) filed December 9, 2008, requesting that the above-identified application, including figures 2 and 3, receive the filing date corresponding to the date of deposit of this application with the USPTO.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT** to the extent that the application has been accorded a filing date of April 23, 2009, with figures 2 and 3.

However, for the reasons stated herein, to retain this filing date with figures 2 and 3 present in the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a), applicant is required to submit i) an English translation of the prior-filed German application relied on to enter Figures 2 and 3, and ii) a statement that the translation is accurate. In addition, applicant is required to submit an amendment to add the inadvertently omitted figures in compliance with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 1.121. As such, applicant also needs to provide a copy of the drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), that is, with the drawing sheets identified in the top margins as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet." **Applicant is given TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision to respond. The response should be filed prior to any Office action on the merits. No further petition is required.** Failure to respond to this decision may result in the application not being amended to include Figures 2 and 3.

The application was deposited on July 24, 2008. However, on August 5, 2008, the Office mailed a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" stating that the application had been accorded a filing date; however, Figures 2 and 3 described in the specification appeared to have been omitted. In addition, the application was missing an oath or declaration. This Notice set a two-month period for reply, with extensions of time obtainable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

On October 8, 2008, applicant first responded with the filing of an executed declaration. This response did not include the omitted drawings. Accordingly, on October 15, 2008, the Office mailed a "Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional)" requiring a complete set of new and replacement drawing sheets. With the appropriate one-month extension of time, on November 4, 2008, applicant filed the inadvertently omitted drawing figures along with a statement and showing that they were relying upon incorporation by reference under 37 CFR 1.57 to provide the inadvertently omitted Figures 2 and 3 from a prior filed German patent application. Accompanying the response was a certified copy of the German application (in German). However, no English translation (and statement that translation is accurate) accompanied this response. Further, no amendment to enter the drawings pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a)(1) accompanied this response.

Presumably, as the response filed November 4, 2008 only included Figures 2 and 3 (and the figures were not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d)), on December 2, 2008, the Office again mailed a "Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional)" requiring a complete set of new and replacement drawing sheets (that is, Figures 1, 2 and 3). On December 9, 2008, applicant filed the instant petition, along with an extension of time for response within the third month. The petition included two sheets of drawings, containing Figures 1-3. Applicant states therein that the figures are the same as those currently of record. Although submitted after the application filing date, the figures are not labelled as new or replacement drawing sheets. Further, applicant still has not provided either an amendment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a)(1) to enter the drawings or an English translation (and statement that translation is accurate) of the prior German application.

Nonetheless, on April 23, 2009, the Office mailed applicants a filing receipt, stating that the application had been accorded a filing date of July 24, 2008.

In order for the mailing of this filing receipt to be proper, applicant must fully comply with the requirements of the rules. In other words, in order for this application to be entitled to a filing date of July 24, 2008 with figures 2 and 3, the record must show compliance with all requirements. (It is noted that a review of the application confirms that the claim under § 1.55 to the prior-filed German application was present on filing of the application in the application data sheet. Thus, this application is entitled to a limited incorporation by reference of inadvertently omitted material present in the prior-filed German application).

First, applicant has filed a petition and has not filed the amendment under 37 CFR 1.57(a)(1) required to add Figures 2 and 3. This application as filed was entitled to a filing date without Figures 2 and 3. If an application is entitled to a filing date without the inadvertently omitted figures (or pages of specification), no petition is required. See 37 CFR 1.57(a)(3)(requires petition if not otherwise entitled to a filing date under § 1.53(b)). However, as stated in 37 CFR 1.57(a)(1), the application "must be amended to include the inadvertently omitted material." The inadvertently omitted material is to be added by way of an amendment under 37 CFR 1.57(a) made within the time period set by the Office. A petition does not substitute for the amendment. This is stated in MPEP 201.06(c):

> If a continuation or divisional application as originally filed on or after September 21, 2004 does not include an explicit incorporation by reference statement and is entitled to a filing date despite the inadvertent omission of a portion of the prior application(s), applicant may be permitted to add the omitted material by way of an amendment under 37 CFR 1.57(a). Such an amendment must be made within any time period set by the Office. See 37 CFR 1.57(a)(1).

Second, applicant has not identified the drawing sheets submitted after the application filing date as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). The amendment to add the inadvertently omitted figures must be

in compliance with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 1.121. As stated in MPEP 502,

> Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of the application must be identified as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be identified as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" so that the Office will recognize how to treat such a drawing sheet for entry into the application. See 37 CFR 1.84(c).

Finally, applicant has submitted a copy of the prior application in German but has not supplied an English translation (and statement that the translation is accurate) and has not explicitly stated where the drawings can be found in the prior-filed application. The provisions of 37 CFR 1.57(a)(1) require applicant to:

> (i) Supply a copy of the prior-filed application, except where the prior- filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111;
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> (ii) Supply an English language translation of any prior-filed application that is in a language other than English; and
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> (iii) Identify where the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawings can be found in the prior-filed application.

The rule does not set forth an exception to requirements (ii) and (iii) where the omitted material is limited to the drawings. The rule still requires an English translation of the application and identification of where the drawings can be found in the prior-filed application. These requirements are not waived.

Technology Center AU 1797 has been advised of this decision. The application <u>with a filing date of July 24, 2008</u> and figure 1 present in the application is thereby forwarded to the Technology Center AU for examination in due course and for consideration of any amendment, drawings and translation required to amend the application to include inadvertently

omitted drawing figures 2 and 3 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a) timely submitted in response to this decision.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney, Nancy Johnson at (571) 272-3219.

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In re Application of
GRANGRUTH, Leroy M.
Application No. 12/178,974
Filed: July 24, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **3875.3-US-01**

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed July 25, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement of Leroy Grangruth, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application will be accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for processing.
This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is done.

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Guenette, Denis	:	
Application No. 12/178,978	:	ON PETITION
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	
Title: CHIMNEY SEALING CAP	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182, filed September 17, 2008, to change the name of an inventor.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

The name will be changed from Denis DENIS to Denis GUENETTE.

This matter is being directed to Technology Center AU 3749 for examination on the merits.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206. All other inquiries should be directed to the Technology Center.

Liana Walsh
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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

Applicant(s)

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Power of Attorney: None

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This appln claims benefit of 60/952,241 07/27/2007

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 12/178,978**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

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Title

Chimney sealing cap

Preliminary Class

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Attorney Docket No. 103248-010403	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 6, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement from applicant's representative that he is in possession of proof that applicant Arthur A. Gertzman's age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3775 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 27, 2010.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned December 31, 2009 for failure to timely submit a proper reply to the non-final Office action mailed September 30, 2009. The non-final Office action set a three month shortened statutory period of time for reply. No petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) was filed. Notice of Abandonment was mailed April 12, 2010.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The instant petition has been carefully reviewed and found in compliance with the requirements set forth above.

This application is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2876 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Hiroshi KANNO, et al.
Application No.: 12/179,059
Filed: 07/24/2008
Attorney Docket No.: 074782-0043

For: VARIABLE SLOT ANTENNA AND DRIVING METHOD THEREOF

: DECISION ON REQUEST TO
: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT
: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
: PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION
: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
: 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 6 August 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

Discussion

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

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: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
: 37 CFR 1.102(d)

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The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Discussion

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CONCLUSION

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the "Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program Between the JPO and the USPTO" filed 6 August 2008 is **GRANTED**. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Applicant	: David B. KITA	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
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Appliction No	: 12/179,158	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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This is a decision in response to the "Request to Withdraw Holding Notice of Abandonment Dated May 1, 2009, filed June 2, 2009. The request is properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a).

This Petition is hereby granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application ("Notice"), mailed August 28, 2008. The Notice set a two (2) month period for reply. Extensions of time were available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on October 29, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed May 1, 2009.

Applicant files the present petition and asserts that a timely reply to the Notice was filed on January 28, 2009, including a request and fee authorization for a three (3) month extension of time, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.8. In support of this assertion, Applicant provides a copy of the reply. A review of the reply reveals that it includes an authorization to charge Applicant's deposit account the fee for any necessary extension of time. The reply also includes a Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.8, dated January 28, 2008. The Certificate of Mailing is executed by Petitioner herein (37 CFR 1.8(b)(3)).

The file record does not include the originally submitted papers. Failure to receive correspondence which includes a certificate of mailing or certificate of facsimile transmission is addressed in 37 CFR 1.8(b), reproduced below:

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reexamination proceeding is terminated pursuant to § 1.550(d) or § 1.957(b) or limited pursuant to § 1.957(c), or a requester paper is refused consideration pursuant to §a), the correspondence will be considered timely if the party who forwarded such correspondence:

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(2)Supplies an additional copy of the previously mailed or transmitted correspondence and certificate; and

(3)Includes a statement that attests on a personal knowledge basis or to the satisfaction of the Director to the previous timely mailing, transmission or submission. If the correspondence was sent by facsimile transmission, a copy of the sending unit's report confirming transmission may be used to support this statement. If the correspondence was transmitted via the Office electronic filing system, a copy of an acknowledgment receipt generated by the Office electronic filing system confirming submission may be used to support this statement.

(c) The Office may require additional evidence to determine if the correspondence was timely filed.

Applicant has complied with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.8(b).

In view of the foregoing, the petition is granted. The holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn.

The application will be referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for processing of the Reply, and for continued processing in the normal course of business.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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Attorney Docket No. FRS08-01	:	

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36, filed June 26, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Office will only accept correspondence address changes to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest *who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71,* or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor. 37 CFR 3.71(c) states:

> *An assignee becomes of record either in a national patent application or a reexamination proceeding by filing a statement in compliance with § 3.73(b) that is signed by a party who is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.*

Therefore, as there is currently no Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) currently of record in the instant application, the Office cannot change the correspondence address to the address on the Request to Withdraw.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Currently, there is no Office action that requires a reply.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner Joan Olszewski at (571) 272-7751. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of: Shingo Hattori et al. Serial No.: 12/179,190 Filed: July 24, 2008 Attorney Docket No.: 076376.1010 Title: INK CARTRIDGES	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 24, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(a).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), M.P.E.P. §708.02(a) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner; and

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The pre-examination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation; and

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists; and

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The application is eligible for the accelerated examination program as set forth in section I above.

The petition meets conditions II.1 through II.5; conditions II.6.1, II.6.3, II.6.4 and II.6.6 above. However, the petition does not meet conditions II.6.2 and II.6.5 above.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.2 above, the support document is required to identify all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by ***each reference*** cited on the information disclosure statement, specifying where those limitations are disclosed in the cited reference. The support document, however, fails to clearly identify what limitations are disclosed in U.S. Publication No. 2006/0164482 and Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-342686. Merely to state that Figures 60-68 of Patent Publication No. US 2006/0164482 are relevant to claims 1-20 does not identify any claim limitation disclosed in the reference. Furthermore, mere reference to Figures 60-68 does not sufficiently specify where a claim limitation is disclosed in the reference. The particular figure showing a particular limitation should be specified, and it should be made clear how that limitation is shown in the figure, preferably by use of reference numerals. The same applies for Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-342686. Whether the figures and related text of the cited reference are prior art to the present application is directed to an explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the cited reference and not to an identification of claim limitations disclosed by the reference.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.5 above, the accelerated examination support document is required to show where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in ***each application*** for which benefit under title 35, United States Code, is claimed. The examination support document supplied by the petitioner, however, does not show where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in any of the applications for which benefit under title 35, United States Code, is claimed. ***Inter alia***, the support document fails to show where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-342697.

Accordingly, the petition fails to meet conditions II.6.2 and II.6.5 for the reasons cited above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is available) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1638.

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In re Application of: Shingo Hattori et al. Serial No.: 12/179,190 Filed: July 24, 2008 Docket No.: 076376.1010 Title: INK CARTRIDGES	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the revised petition filed on October 29, 2008 and supplemented on December 10 and 12, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed April 15, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **granted**.

This application became abandoned on October 8, 2008, for failure to file a timely reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed August 7, 2008. The notice set forth an extendable period for reply of two months from its mailing date. A response was not received and the application became abandoned on October 8, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 13, 2009.

The abstract, filed April 15, 2009, are noted.

This application is being directed to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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In re Application of: Mark Lantz Serial No.: 12/179,236 Filed: July 24, 2008 Docket No.: CH920070093US1 Title: PHASE CHANGE MEMS SWITCH	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 24, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102 and M.P.E.P. §708.02(a).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), M.P.E.P. §708.02(a) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

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5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a pre-examination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The pre-examination search must:

5.1. involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

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5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

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6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists; and

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The application is eligible for the accelerated examination program as set forth in section I above.

The petition meets conditions II.1 through II.4; and conditions II.6.4 through II.6.6 above. However, the petition does not meet conditions II.5 and II.6.1-II.6.3 above.

Regarding the conditions set forth in II.5 above, the search logic should include the search terms "shape memory" and "shape memory alloy" to cover the broad subject matter being claimed.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.1 above, the information disclosure statement (IDS) is required to comply with 37 CFR 1.98. The IDS, however, fails to include a legible copy of the cited copending application to Lantz, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii).[1]

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.2 above, the support document is required to identify all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by ***each reference*** cited on the IDS, specifying where the limitations are disclosed in the cited reference. The support document, however, fails to identify the claim limitations that are disclosed by the cited copending application.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.3 above, the support document is required to include a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and (c). The support document, however, fails to provide a detailed explanation of how the claim is patentable over the cited references, including the cited copending application.

Accordingly, the petition does not meet conditions II.5 and II.6.1-II.6.3 for the reasons cited above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is available) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

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[1]If applicant wishes to cite a reference that is not required in an AESD for the examiner to consider, applicant should submit the reference in a ***separate*** IDS in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98. Applicant should clearly identify the IDS as ***not*** in support of the petition. Consistent with 37 CFR §10.18, any reference submitted in a separate IDS that is not part of an AESD will be treated as a representation by applicant to the USPTO that no reference submitted in the separate IDS is deemed closer to the subject matter of at least one claim than the references provided in the AESD. See "IDS 3" in "Accelerated Examination FAQ's" available on the USPTO website at www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

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In re Application of: Mark Lantz Serial No.: 12/179,236 Filed: July 24, 2008 Docket No.: CH920070093US1 Title: PHASE CHANGE MEMS SWITCH	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the revised petition filed on October 29, 2008 and supplemented on November 7, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

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   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

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In re Application of	:	
DONAHUE, Stephen	:	
Application No. 12/179,241	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. **RIT0009-US**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 23, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by Aslan Baghdadi on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 36183. All attorneys/agents associated have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence address of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first named signing inventor.

In order to request or take action in a patent matter, the assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

There are no outstanding office actions at this time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 571-272-4231.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(f)

This is a decision on the petition, filed October 1, 2009, to revive the instant nonprovisional application for failure to timely notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark (USPTO) of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multinational treaty that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. *See* 37 CFR 1.137(f).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner indicates that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in an eighteen month publication country on July 17, 2009. However, the USPTO was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in an eighteen month publication country.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition to revive an application abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) for failure to notify the USPTO of a foreign filing must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The petition is found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the USPTO of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been rescinded. A Notice Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request which sets forth the projected publication date of March 11, 2010 accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

This application is being referred to the Technology Center 2886 for examination in due course.

Sherry D. Brinkley
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Communication Regarding Rescission Of Nonpublication Request and/or Notice of Foreign Filing

Applicant's rescission of the previously-filed nonpublication request and/or notice of foreign filing is acknowledged. The paper has been reflected in the Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) computer records so that the earliest possible projected publication date can be assigned.

The projected publication date is 03/11/2010.

If applicant rescinded the nonpublication request before or on the date of "foreign filing,"[1] then no notice of foreign filing is required.

If applicant foreign filed the application after filing the above application and before filing the rescission, and the rescission did not also include a notice of foreign filing, then a notice of foreign filing (not merely a rescission) is required to be filed within 45 days of the date of foreign filing. See 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii), and Clarification of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Interpretation of the Provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(ii)-(iv), 1272 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 22 (July 1, 2003).

If a notice of foreign filing is required and is not filed within 45 days of the date of foreign filing, then the application becomes abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii). In this situation, applicant should either file a petition to revive or notify the Office that the application is abandoned. See 37 CFR 1.137(f). Any such petition to revive will be forwarded to the Office of Petitions for a decision. Note that the filing of the petition will not operate to stay any period of reply that may be running against the application.

Questions regarding petitions to revive should be directed to the Office of Petitions at (571) 272-3282.

[1] Note, for purpose of this notice, that "foreign filing" means "filing an application directed to the same invention in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing".

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In re Application of: Mark Lantz Serial No.: 12/179,302 Filed: July 24, 2008 Docket No.: CH920080052US1 Title: PHASE CHANGE ACTUATOR	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 24, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102 and M.P.E.P. §708.02(a).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), M.P.E.P. §708.02(a) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner; and

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a pre-examination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The pre-examination search must:

5.1. involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation; and

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists; and

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The application is eligible for the accelerated examination program as set forth in section I above.

The petition meets conditions II.1 through II.4; and conditions II.6.4 through II.6.6 above. However, the petition does not meet conditions II.5 and II.6.1-II.6.3 above.

Regarding the conditions set forth in II.5 above, the search logic should include the search terms "shape memory" and "shape memory alloy" to cover the broad subject matter being claimed.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.1 above, the information disclosure statement (IDS) is required to comply with 37 CFR 1.98. The IDS, however, fails to include a legible copy of the cited copending application to Lantz, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii).[1]

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.2 above, the support document is required to identify all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by ***each reference*** cited on the IDS, specifying where the limitations are disclosed in the cited reference. The support document, however, fails to identify the claim limitations that are disclosed by the cited copending application.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.3 above, the support document is required to include a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and (c). The support document, however, fails to provide a detailed explanation of how the claim is patentable over the cited references, including the cited copending application.

Accordingly, the petition does not meet conditions II.5 and II.6.1-II.6.3 for the reasons cited above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is available) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1569.

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This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on November 3, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

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6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not

file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1569.

Jose' G. Dees, Quality Assurance Specialist
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In re Application of	:	
Kazuhiro Fujikawa et al	:	
Application No. 12/179,320	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. 12967-004003	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed October 5, 2009, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on September 1, 2009 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2814 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed IDS.

/Karen Creasy/
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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form* ***must*** *be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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In re Application of	:	
DUNIGAN, R. CLAY	:	
Application No. 12/179,339	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **9810-2**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed November 16, 2009.

The request is **moot** because a revocation of power of attorney has been previously filed.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to WITHROW & TERRANOVA, P.L.L.C. has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on December 01, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/179,364	07/24/2008	Oliver Russell Fenton	GB920070236US1	8001

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In re Application of: FENTON Serial No.: 12/179,364 Filed: July 24, 2008 Docket: GB920070236US1 Title: HEXADECIMAL FILE FAST DECOMPRESSION METHOD	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 24, 2008 to make the above- identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

Applicant's attention is directed to the bottom of page 3 of the document "Accelerated Examination Support Document". Applicant addresses dependent claims 2-3 in this section. However, there is only a single claim (claim 1) submitted with the application. It is noted that there is no other independent or dependent claim in this application.

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election

without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application. In addition, Applicant is reminded that due to the dismissal of the previous petition submission, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Rehana Perveen, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3676. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kakali Chaki, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-3719.

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DATE : 07/27/09

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Please respond to this request for a certificate of correction within 7 days.

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Please review the requested changes/corrections as shown in the **COCIN** document(s) in the IFW application image. No new matter should be introduced, nor should the scope or meaning of the claims be changed.

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In re Application of	:	
Joseph R. Wegner et al	:	
Application No. 12/179,382	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. 2475US01	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed July 1, 2010, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on May 28, 2010 ***cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.***[1]

The petition is not signed by an attorney of record. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34, the signature of Ms. Heidi S. Nebel appearing on the correspondence shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts. If Ms. Nebel desires to receive future correspondence regarding this file, the appropriate power of attorney documents must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner herein. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the above-noted correspondence address of record.

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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1614 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed IDS.

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In re Application of	:	
Howard Gonchar et al.	:	
Application No. 12/179,383	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 146-003	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed July 28, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes a statement by applicant's attorney on his behalf. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Upon completion of the pre-examination processing by the Office of Patent Application Processing, this application will be referred to Technology Center Art Unit 1791 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Kimberly Inabinet

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In re Application of: HAGO et al.
Serial No.: 12/179,611
Filed: July 25, 2008
Title: MOTOR SYSTEM FOR DIMINUTION OF CARBON DIOXIDE IN THE ATMOSPHERE

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 25, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. The application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;
3. The application, at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.
5. The petition must be filed with the application.

The application as filed is not eligible for the accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) because the application the application, at the time of filing, was not complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination, as evidenced by the mailing of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers on July 30, 2008. See 71 Fed. Reg. 36323 notice, section VIII, Conditions for Examination. The opportunity to perfect a petition does not apply to applications that are not in condition for examination on filing.

As noted in the policy statement referenced above, any petition to make special filed on or after the effective date must meet the new requirements set forth in the 71 Fed. Reg. 36323 notice.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to J. Harrison, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4449.

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12/179,630	07/25/2008	Thomas F. Bitonti	RSW920080237US1	8459

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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

1. ☐ The petition was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment before an examination has been made of the application. See 37 CFR 1.138(d).
2. ☒ The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).
3. ☐ The application is not an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) on or after December 8, 2004.
4. ☐ The petition for express abandonment under 1.138(d) is dismissed because the applicant did not pay any search fee and excess claims fees in the above-identified application.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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12/179,644	07/25/2008	Ryo Ishibashi	2018-2067	8477

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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In re Application of
Michael L. Crouse, et. al.
Application No. 12/179,697
Filed: July 25, 2008
Attorney Docket No. FRS07-15

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed June 26, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

It is noted that the assignee, Fluid Routing Solutions, Inc., has obtained new counsel to represent its interest in the prosecution of the above application. However, the present request cannot be approved because the assignee failed to properly intervene in the above-identified application by filing the required Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272- 3226. Questions regarding the status of the above application should be directed to Technology Center Art Unit 3754 at (571) 272-3700.

Andrea Smith
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of: ADDISON et al. Serial No.: 12/179,710 Filed: July 25, 2008 Title.: PRESSURE PAD ENGAGEMENT MECHANISM USING SLIDING ACTUATOR	: : : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) filed July 25, 2008.

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Quality Assurance Specialist Jose' G. Dees at (571) 272-1569.

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Applicant: Kurt Nilson
Appl. No.: 12/179,754
Filing Date: July 25, 2008
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ASCERTAINING THE LEGAL DISTRIBUTION OF INTESTATE PROPERTY
Pub. No.: US 2009/0030825 A1
Pub. Date: January 29, 2009

This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on March 6, 2009, for the above-identified application. Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains material error in containing an error, resulting from faulty optical character recognition.

The request is DISMISSED.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a **material mistake** which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable." (Emphasis added) A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.[1]

The error due to faulty optical character recognition is, in this case, not Office error. The error is due to the quality of the text, which makes it difficult to electronically reproduce by digital imaging and optical character recognition. See 37 CFR 1.52(a)(1)(v), which states that all papers that are to become a permanent part of Office records must be presented "in a form having sufficient clarity and contrast between the paper and the writing to permit . . . electronic capture by use of digital imaging and optical character recognition." As set forth at MPEP 1121, "applications with poor quality text, which may be acceptable for scanning and examination purposes, may lead to errors in the patent application publication. Correction of these errors and inclusion of any desired amendments into the text of the originally-filed specification and drawings will only occur if applicant files a request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a). They will not be corrected by the Office in a corrected publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b)."

[1] Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

The applicant is advised that a "request for republication of an application previously published" may be filed under 37 CFR 1.221 (a). Such a request for republication "must include a copy of the application compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements and be accompanied by the publication fee set forth in § 1.18 (d) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17 (i)." If the request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the republication will not take place and the publication fee set forth in § 1.18 (d) will be refunded. The processing fee will be retained.

Any request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), must be submitted via the EFS system, as a "Pre-Grant Publication" and questions or request for reconsideration of the decision, should be addressed as follows:

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A guide for filing a request for a Pre-Grant Publication, such as a request for republication, may be found on the link below:

http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/tutorials.htm

Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to Michael Cygan, Legal Advisor, at (571) 272-7700, or the undersigned at (571) 272-7709.

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Application No. 12/179.755
Filed: July 25, 2008
For: **DIGITAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM AND DATA PROCESSING**

METHOD PRIORITY IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed September 15, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the KIPO;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the KIPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the KIPO application(s);

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the KIPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the KIPO examiner in the KIPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The original request to participate in the PPH program and petition failed item (3) above, because claims 26-30 of the US application do not sufficiently correspond to allowed claims 12-23 of the KIPO patent application. Claims 26-30 of the US application are directed to a device while claims 12-23 of the KIPO application are directed to a method. The preliminary amendment filed with the renewed request cancelled claims 26-30. The request to participate in the PPH program and petition are now found to comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Hassan Kizou at 571-272-3088

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Hassan Kizou/

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In re Application of
Bakir Kanpurwala et al.
Application No. 12/179,888
Filed: July 25, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **AVI-114-B**

: DECISION REFUSING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the petition filed October 29, 2008 under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION**. Extensions of time may be obtained in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed on July 25, 2008, without an oath or declaration. Accordingly, on August 29, 2008, a Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application" ("Notice To File Missing Parts") was mailed, requiring, *inter alia*, an executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and a surcharge for its late filing.

In response, the instant petition, a declaration executed by joint inventor Bakir Kanpurwala in his own stead and on behalf of the non-signing joint inventor Charles Zhang was filed. Petitioner claims that joint inventor Charles Zhang who refuses to sign or cannot be found after diligent effort.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee;

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The petition lacks item (1). In regards to item (1), petitioners have not submitted sufficient evidence to prove that a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor only that an email was sent to the non-signing inventor's office mate since the non-signing inventor himself does not speak english.

Petitioners must show proof that a copy of the application (specification including claims, drawings, if any) and the Declaration were sent or given to the non-signing inventors for review.[1] Petitioners should provide a copy of the cover letter transmitting the application papers to the non-signing inventors or details given in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person having first hand knowledge of the details.

Petitioners must also present proof that if after having received the complete application, the non-signing inventors refuse to sign the declaration. If there is a written refusal, a copy of the written refusal should be submitted with any renewed petition. If the refusal was made orally to a person, then that person must provide details of the refusal in an affidavit or declaration of facts.

Furthermore, since petitioners have a last known address for the non-signing inventor, petitioners might be better served by sending the application papers, in a language understood by the non-signing inventor directly at that address versus by email since it hasn't been established that the email was even sent to or received by joint inventor Charles Zhang. In the absence of an express statement from a non-signing inventor that they have received, opened and read a document, unlike a printed page in the language of the recipient there is no basis to presume that an Emailed document was in a form comprehended.

Status under 37 CFR 1.47(a) cannot be accorded this application until such time as the deficiencies have been cured.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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[1] MPEP 409.03(d).

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: DECISION REFUSING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the renewed petition filed March 13, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.47(a)[1].

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION**. Extensions of time may be obtained in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed on July 25, 2008, without an oath or declaration. Accordingly, on August 29, 2008, a Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application" ("Notice To File Missing Parts") was mailed, requiring, *inter alia*, an executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and a surcharge for its late filing. In response, a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and a declaration executed by joint inventor Bakir Kanpurwala in his own stead and on behalf of the non-signing joint inventor Charles Zhang was filed on October 29, 2008. Petitioner claimed that joint inventor Charles Zhang refused to sign or could not be found after diligent effort. The petition was dismissed in a decision mailed November 18, 2008 because sufficient evidence to prove that a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor was submitted. The evidence provided showed only that an email was sent to the non-signing inventor's office mate since the non-signing inventor himself does not speak english.

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The decision required that petitioners show proof that a copy of the application (specification including claims, drawings, if any) and the Declaration were sent or given to the non-signing inventors for review.[2] The decision also noted that petitioners should provide a copy of the cover letter transmitting the application papers to the non-signing inventors or details given in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person having first hand knowledge of the details.

Finally, it was required that petitioners present proof that if after having received the complete application, the non-signing inventor refused to sign the declaration. If there is a written refusal, a copy of the written refusal should be submitted with any renewed petition. If the refusal was made verbally to a person, then that person must provide details of the refusal in an affidavit or declaration of facts.

Since petitioners have a last known address for the non-signing inventor, it was suggested that petitioners might be better served by sending the application papers, in a language understood by the non-signing inventor directly at that address versus by email since it hasn't been established that the email was even sent to or received by joint inventor Charles Zhang. In the absence of an express statement from a non-signing inventor that they have received, opened and read a document, unlike a printed page in the language of the recipient there is no basis to presume that an Emailed document was in a form comprehended.

Comes now petitioner with the instant renewed petition and proof of a delivery on January 21, 2009 by UPS. While evidence of a delivery to the last known address of joint inventor Charles Zhang has been provided, still no proof exists that a complete application was mailed. The proof of delivery is not proof of the contents of the package. As previously indicated, petitioners should provide a copy of the cover letter transmitting the application papers to the non-signing inventor at the last known address on January 21, 2009.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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[2] MPEP 409.03(d).

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Attorney Docket No. **AVI-114-B**

: DECISION REFUSING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the renewed petition filed June 10, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.47(a)[1].

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION**. Extensions of time may be obtained in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed on July 25, 2008, without an oath or declaration. Accordingly, on August 29, 2008, a Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application" ("Notice To File Missing Parts") was mailed, requiring, *inter alia*, an executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and a surcharge for its late filing. In response, a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and a declaration executed by joint inventor Bakir Kanpurwala in his own stead and on behalf of the non-signing joint inventor Charles Zhang was filed on October 29, 2008. Petitioner claimed that joint inventor Charles Zhang refused to sign or could not be found after diligent effort. The petition was dismissed in a decision mailed November 18, 2008 because sufficient

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(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

evidence to prove that a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor was not submitted. The evidence provided showed only that an email was sent to the non-signing inventor's office mate since the non-signing inventor himself does not speak english.

The decision required that petitioners show proof that a copy of the application (specification including claims, drawings, if any) and the Declaration were sent or given to the non-signing inventors for review.[2] The decision also noted that petitioners should provide a copy of the cover letter transmitting the application papers to the non-signing inventors or details given in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person having first hand knowledge of the details.

Finally, it was required that petitioners present proof that if after having received the complete application, the non-signing inventor refused to sign the declaration. If there is a written refusal, a copy of the written refusal should be submitted with any renewed petition. If the refusal was made verbally to a person, then that person must provide details of the refusal in an affidavit or declaration of facts.

Since petitioners have a last known address for the non-signing inventor, it was suggested that petitioners might be better served by sending the application papers, in a language understood by the non-signing inventor directly at that address versus by email since it hasn't been established that the email was even sent to or received by joint inventor Charles Zhang. In the absence of an express statement from a non-signing inventor that they have received, opened and read a document, unlike a printed page in the language of the recipient there is no basis to presume that an Emailed document was in a form comprehended.

A renewed petition was filed with proof of a delivery on January 21, 2009 by UPS. While evidence of a delivery to the last known address of joint inventor Charles Zhang was provided, no proof was provided that a complete application was mailed. The proof of delivery is not proof of the contents of the package. As previously indicated, petitioners were advised to provide a copy of the cover letter transmitting the application papers to the non-signing inventor at the last known address on January 21, 2009.

With the instant renewed petition, petitioners have provided an unsigned declaration by joint inventor Bakir Kanpurwala that on January 21, 2009 he sent a package including the application papers addressed to Shenzhen Boyu Instrument Co. Ltd, the last known address for non-signing inventor Charles Zhang.

Still, petitioners have not provided a copy of the cover letter used to transmit the application papers to Mr. Zhang and thus, has not therefore provided sufficient evidence to show that a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor.

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[2]MPEP 409.03(d).

Likewise, it hasn't been shown that the petitioner has afforded the inventor an opportunity to review the application papers and to agree or not to agree to cooperate with the prosecution of the application.

In view thereof, status under 37 CFR 1.47(a) cannot be accorded this application until such time as the deficiencies have been cured.

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Application No. 12/179,888
Filed: July 25, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **AVI-114-B**

: DECISION REFUSING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the renewed petition filed July 21, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on July 25, 2008, without an oath or declaration. Accordingly, on August 29, 2008, a Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application" ("Notice To File Missing Parts") was mailed, requiring, *inter alia*, an executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and a surcharge for its late filing. In response, a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and a declaration executed by joint inventor Bakir Kanpurwala in his own stead and on behalf of the non-signing joint inventor Charles Zhang was filed on October 29, 2008. Petitioner claimed that joint inventor Charles Zhang refused to sign or could not be found after diligent effort. The petition was dismissed in a decision mailed November 18, 2008 because sufficient evidence to prove that a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor was not submitted. The evidence provided showed only that an email was sent to the non-signing inventor's office mate since the non-signing inventor himself does not speak english. A renewed petition filed June 10, 2009 was also dismissed in a decision mailed June 23, 2009 because petitioners had not provided a copy of the cover letter used to transmit the application papers to Mr. Zhang and thus, had not therefore provided sufficient evidence to show that a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee;

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

In response to the decision dismissing the petition filed June 10, 2009, the instant petition shows that a copy of the complete application was sent to joint inventor Charles Zhang, that he has had an opportunity to review the application but that he has not returned an executed copy of the oath or declaration and thus refuses to cooperate with the filing of the instant application.

All requirements under 37 CFR 1.47(a) therefore having been met, as provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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In re Application of
Bakir Kanpurwala et al.
Application No. 12/179,888
Filed: July 25, 2008
For: **ADJUSTABLE LIGHT**

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Dear Mr. Zhang:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as joint inventors.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at 703/308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at 703/308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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In re Application of: Carrie Cox et al. Serial No.: 12/179,957 Filed: July 25, 2008 Docket No.: RPS920080117US1 Title: NODAL CHARGE COMPENSATION FOR SST DRIVER HAVING DATA MUX IN OUTPUT STAGE	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 25, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1594.

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Applicant	: Hermann J. Goebels	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7577509	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 08/18/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/179,968	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 07/25/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Application No. 12/180,018	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 7/25/2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No.	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 3/18/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition

must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 9 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Tom Dunn at 571-272-1171.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1795 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Tom Dunn/

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Application No. 12/180,020	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 25, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **17462-66**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed April 08, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request cannot be approved because there is no indication that acts one (1) and three (3) noted in the above-identified certifications has been performed.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 571-272- 4231.

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Application No. 12/180,020	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. **17462-66**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the renewed Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 13, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by John B. Edel on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 23329. All attorneys/agents associated have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence address of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first named signing inventor.

There are no outstanding office actions at this time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 571-272-4231.

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In re Application of :
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Application No. 12/180,020 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 25, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. 17462-86 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 27, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fees on or before September 25, 2009, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed June 25, 2009. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on September 26, 2009. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed January 5, 2010.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee of $755 and the publication fee of $300, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Further, the Power of Attorney filed January 27, 2010, is hereby accepted and made of record. The Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney is enclosed.

This application is being referred to the Office of Data Management for processing into a patent

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Alicia Kelley at (571) 272-6059.

Carl Friedman
Petitions Examiner
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Enclosure: Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 01/27/2010.

The Power of Attorney in this application is accepted. Correspondence in this application will be mailed to the above address as provided by 37 CFR 1.33.

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Office of Data Management, Application Assistance Unit (571) 272-4000, or (571) 272-4200, or 1-888-786-0101

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Abdallah Bacha
Application No. 12/180,054
Filed: July 25, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **QM000032**

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR. § 1.36(b), filed June 16, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to attorneys/agents associated with the above-identified application has been revoked by the assignee who has intervened in the application on June 30, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 CFR § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4584.

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Ashok Kapoor et al.	:	
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Attorney Docket No. 078023.0250 (DSM-0131)	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed October 28, 2008, under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV and request under 37 CFR 1.48(a) to correct the inventorship of the above-identified application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c) is **GRANTED**.

The request under 37 CFR 1.48(a) is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by applicant. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

The request to correct the inventorship in a patent application under 37 CFR 1.48(a), satisfies the requirements in that petitioner has supplied (1) a request and fee of $130, (2) a statement from each person being added as an inventor, (3) an oath or declaration by the actual inventor or inventors, and (5) the written consent of the assignee.

In view of the papers filed October 28, 2008, it has been found that this nonprovisional application, as filed, through error and without deceptive intent, improperly set forth the inventorship, and accordingly, this application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(a). The inventorship of this application has been changed by the addition of Madhukar B. Vora.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Shelley Clement at (571)272-6052 or in her absence to the undersigned at (571)272-7099.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and correction of Office records to reflect the inventorship as corrected..

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Petitions Examiner
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Attorney Docket No.: T-	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.137(B)
001.P046/6356-011AUSCIP	:	
Title: DECORATIVE OBJECT	:	
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This is a decision on the petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed July 22, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

This petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice of Missing Parts (notice), mailed August 5, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two months. No response was received, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) were requested. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on November 6, 2008. A notice of abandonment was mailed on April 9, 2009.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
(2) The petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.17(m);

(3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;

(4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

With this petition, Petitioner has submitted the petition fee, the surcharge associated with the late submission of the filing, search, and examination fees, and the proper statement of unintentional delay.

The filing, search, and examination fees will be charged to Petitioner's Deposit Account in due course, as authorized in this petition.

The first three requirements of Rule 1.137(b) have been met. The fourth requirement of Rule 1.137(b) is not applicable, as a terminal disclaimer is not required.[1]

The Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) will be notified of this decision, and jurisdiction over the application is transferred to OPAP, so that the application may receive further processing.

Petitioner will receive appropriate notifications regarding the fees owed, if any, and other information in due course from OPAP.

Petitioner may find it beneficial to view Private PAIR within a fortnight of the present decision to ensure that the revival has been acknowledged by OPAP in response to this decision. It is noted that all inquiries with regard to any failure of that change in status should be directed to OPAP where that change of status must be effected - **the Office of Petitions cannot effectuate a change of status.**

The general phone number for OPAP is 571-272-4000. Telephone inquiries **regarding this decision** should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.

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1 See Rule 1.137(d).

Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for any further action(s) of Petitioner.

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In re Application of	:	
Tucker, Holly S.	:	
Application No. 12/180,269	:	ON PETITION
Filed: July 25, 2008	:	
Title: Drawer Liner	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 14, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's health as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section III.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section III: Applicant's Health, must be accompanied by evidence showing such as a doctor's certificate or other medical certificate that the state of health of the applicant is such that he or she might not be available to assist in the prosecution of the application if it were to run its normal course. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a medical report ordered by attending physician, Dr. James D. Browne. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Joan Olszewski at 571-272-7751.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3637 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Holly S. Tucker
Application No. 12/180,269
Filed: July 25, 2008
Attorney Docket No.

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment filed June 17, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **dismissed**.

The record reflects that a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was mailed August 8, 2008, allowing a shortened period for reply of two months from its mailing date and requiring replacement drawings to be filed. A response was not noted prior to the expiration of the period for reply and the application became abandoned on October 9, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed April 14, 2009.

Petitioner maintains that a timely and proper response was mailed on September 25, 2008. A copy of the response containing a certificate of mailing under 37 CFR 1.8 dated September 25, 2008, accompanied the petition. The certificate of mailing was signed by Ken Campbell who also signed the instant petition.

Based on the aforementioned, it appears that the application was improperly held abandoned as a response was mailed prior to expiration of the maximum period for reply. Notwithstanding, the petition cannot be granted at this time because the replacement drawings filed June 17, 2009, do not comply with 37 CFR 1.121(d) which states , in pertinent part, that:

> [o]ne or more application drawings shall be amended in the following manner: Any changes to an application drawings must be in compliance with 1.84 and must be submitted on a replacement sheet of drawings which shall be an attachment to the amendment document and, in the top margin, labeled "Replacement Sheet". Any replacement sheet of drawings shall include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet even if only one figure is amendment...All changes to the drawings shall be explained, in detail, in either the drawings amendment or remarks section of the amendment papers.

Petitioner is required to file replacement drawings that comply with 37 CFR 1.84 and 1.121 which is cited above; the replacement drawings must accompany the renewed petition when it is filed.

Further correspondence may be directed as follows:

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Inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3222.

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Holly S. Tucker :
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Attorney Docket No. :

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed September 11, 2009, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.8(b), requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (Notice) mailed August 8, 2008, which set a TWO (2)-month shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, a reply was due on or before October 8, 2008. As no response was filed on or before October 8, 2008, the application was held to have gone abandoned on October 9, 2008. A notice of abandonment was mailed April 14, 2009.

Petitioner states that a reply was in fact timely filed on September 25, 2008. To support this assertion, petitioner has submitted a copy of the response containing a certificate of mailing under 37 CFR 1.8 dated September 25, 2008, as part of the submission that accompanied the petition filed June 17, 2009. The certificate of mailing was signed by Ken Campbell who also signed the instant petition.

Failure to receive correspondence which includes a certificate of mailing or certificate of facsimile transmission is addressed in 37 CFR 1.8(b), reproduced below:

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(3) Includes a statement which attests on a personal knowledge basis or to the satisfaction of the Director to the previous timely mailing or transmission. If the correspondence was sent by facsimile transmission, a copy of the sending unit's report confirming transmission may be used to support this statement.

The petition satisfies the above requirements of 37 CFR 1.8(b). **Accordingly, the holding of abandonment for failure to timely file a reply to the Notice mailed August 8, 2008, is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.**

The copy of the drawings received August 18, 2009, will be accepted in place of the reply shown to have been mailed on September 25, 2008.

This application is being referred to Office of Patent Application Processing for appropriate action in view of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272 - 4914.

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Application No. 12/180,274	:	PURSUANT TO
Filed: July 25, 2008	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.182
Attorney Docket No.: 016998-006100US	:	
Title: POSITION SENSOR	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed August 29, 2008, requesting that the above-identified application, including Figure 4e, be accorded a filing date of July 25, 2008 as part of the original disclosure.

The application was deposited on July 25, 2008. However, on August 6, 2008, the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) mailed a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" (notice), stating that the application had been accorded a filing date, and advising applicants, *inter alia*, that Figure 4e appeared to have been omitted on filing. The notice set a two-month period for reply.

In response, on August 29, 2008, applicants filed this petition. With this petition, Petitioner has asserted that a copy of Figure 4e was among the drawings that were provided on initial deposit. Upon review of the electronic file, Figure 4e has been located among the application papers.

As such, it is clear that Figure 4e was included on initial deposit.

Therefore, the application, including Figure 4e, was complete on filing and entitled to a filing date of July 25, 2008 as part of the original disclosure.

Accordingly, the petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 is **GRANTED.**

The portion of the notice mailed August 6, 2008 that refers to the omission of Figure 4e was sent in error, and is hereby **VACATED.** Therefore, no petition fee is necessary, and the petition fee will be credited to Petitioner's Deposit Account in due course.

The remainder of the notice has not been vacated. Failure to timely respond to the same will result in the abandonment of this application.

Pursuant to this decision, the application will be referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for:

- Processing the application with a filing date of July 25, 2008, using the original application papers filed on that date, including Figure 4e, and;
- noting in Office records that Figure 4e was present on filing.

The general phone number for OPAP is 571-272-4000. Telephone inquiries **regarding this decision** should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225[1].

/Paul Shanoski/
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1 Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for any further action(s) of Petitioner.

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Filed: July 25, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. S1583.70019US00	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 13, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application (Notice), mailed August 15, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. A five month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on March 16, 2009. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed April 22, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an oath and declaration (2) the petition fee of $810.00, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly the oath and declaration and fees are accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

As authorized the petition fee of $810.00 will charged to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Kimberly Inabinet at (571) 272-4618.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the reply received May 13, 2009.

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Application No. 12/180,407	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 25 July 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 49783.0400	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 10 December 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction

requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The petition lacks item 1 above.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 307/131.000) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

Any reconsideration of this decision should be submitted through the USPTO electronic filing system, EFS-Web, and selecting the document description of "Petition for Green Tech Pilot" on the EFS-Web screen.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2836 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 10 December 2009 and renewed on 24 March 2004, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DENIED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant

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The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The petition lacks item 1 above.

As set forth in the dismissal of the petition, this application has been classified in an area (USPC 307/131.000) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice.

Applicant has argued that the instant application should be classified in 700/295.

Applicant's arguments have been considered but are not persuasive. Specifically, to be proper for 700/90+ there must be significant claim recitation of the data processing system or calculating computer and only nominal claim recitation of the external art environment. In the instant application, there is significant structure of the external device recited in the claims and is therefore properly classified in the appropriate device class (307).

Accordingly, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2836 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 10 December 2009 and renewed on 24 March 2010 and 28 May 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

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Applicant	: Tun-kuei Hung	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7633693	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 12/15/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Application No	: 12/180,414	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 07/25/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of	:	
George C. P. Straza	:	
Application No. 12/180,466	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: June 25, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 518902000102	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 11, 2008.

The request is **DISMISSED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Morrison & Foerster, LLP has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on October 25, 2008. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 10/25/2008.

- The Power of Attorney to you in this application has been revoked by the assignee who has intervened as provided by 37 CFR 3.71. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record(37 CFR 1.33).

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In re Application of	:	
Akira Nara	:	
Application No. 12/180,470	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: July 25, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. 8301-US	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed April 8, 2010, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on March 16, 2010 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2819 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed IDS.

/Karen Creasy/
Karen Creasy
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form* ***must*** *be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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In re Application of	:	
KATAGIRI, TAKASHI	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/180,474	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: July 25, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. JP920050029US2	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed August 21, 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kenneth Wieder at 571-272-2986.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Kenneth Wieder
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In re Application of: TAKAHASHI
Application No. 12/180,492
Filed: July 25, 2008
For: METHOD FOR CHECKING INDEX CONSISTENCY IN DATABASE

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 25, 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition are found to comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Mano Padmanabhan

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In re Application of	:	
Shinya YUDA et al.	:	
Application No. 12/180,497	:	ON PETITION
Filed: July 25, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 83394.0052	:	

This is a decision on the "PETITION FOR ENTRY OF OMITTED MATERIAL" filed September 9, 2008, requesting that the inadvertently omitted drawing be added to the above-referenced application, that is being treated as a petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Application papers in the above-identified application were deposited on July 25, 2008. However, on August 15, 2008, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed applicants a "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers," notifying applicants that the application papers had been accorded a filing date, but the application was deposited without Figure 14 described in the specification. In response, applicants timely filed this petition. Applicants request that the application be amended to include the inadvertently omitted drawing on the basis that the application as filed contained a benefit claim under 37 CFR 1.78 to a prior-filed application which completely contains the omitted drawing.

MPEP § 201.17 lists the following conditions and requirements that need to be met for an applicant to add omitted material to an application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a):
(A) the application must have been filed on or after September 21, 2004;
(B) all or a portion of the specification or drawing(s) must have been inadvertently omitted from the application;
(C) a claim under 37 CFR 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application, must have been present on the filing date of the application;
(D) the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) must be completely contained in the prior-filed application;
(E) applicant must file an amendment to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) within any time period set by the Office, but in no case later than the close of prosecution as defined by 37 CFR 1.114(b), or abandonment of the application, whichever occurs earlier;

(F) if the application is not otherwise entitled to a filing date, applicant must also file a petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a) accompanied by the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f);
(G) applicant must supply a copy of the prior-filed application, except where the prior-filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111;
(H) applicant must supply an English language translation of any prior-filed application that is in a language other than English; and
(I) applicant must identify where the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) can be found in the prior-filed application.

The instant petition is not in compliance with item (E) above, in that the drawing filed concurrently with the instant petition is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). The drawing needs to be labelled as a "New Sheet".

Applicant is reminded that this decision does not disturb the response requirements set forth in the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed September 17, 2008, and in the Pre-Exam Formalities Notice mailed September 25, 2008.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Ramesh Krishnamurthy at (571) 272-4914.

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In re Application of	:	
Jonathon LINNER	:	
Application No. 12/180,511	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 25, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. PA4363US	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 20, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by Ronald L. Rohde on behalf of the attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 22830.

The attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 22830 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence of address of record has been changed and the new address is the address indicated below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

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In re Application of: David R. Morgan Serial No.: 12/180,539 Filed: July 27, 2008 Title: SIGNAL ABSORPTION INDUCTION CIRCUIT	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 27, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(a).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), all petitions to make special, other than those based on applicant's health or age or the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program, filed on or after August 25, 2006 must meet the requirements for the revised accelerated examination program set forth in MPEP § 708.02(a), in particular, subsection I of MPEP § 708.02(a).

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), M.P.E.P. §708.02(a) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner; and

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The pre-examination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation; and

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists; and

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The application is eligible for the accelerated examination program as set forth in section I above.

The petition meets conditions II.1 through II.4. However, the petition does not meet conditions II.5 and II.6 above.

Regarding the requirements of II. 5, there is no pre-examination search statement or document. Since there is no pre-examination search document including the required statement and the identification of the field of search including databases searched and search logic used, it cannot be determined if the search was adequate to satisfy the requirements of items 5.2 and 5.3.

Regarding the requirements of II. 6, the examination support document fails to satisfy items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6. The examination support document does not include an information disclosure statement (IDS) citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims as required by item 6.1. It does not include an identification of all the limitations in the claimed invention that are disclosed by each reference cited on the information disclosure statement (IDS) as required by item 6.2. It does not include a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over each of the references cited with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c) as required by item 6.3. It does not include a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims as required by item 6.4. It does not include a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification as required by item 6.5. It does not include an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c) as required by item 6.6.

37 CFR 1.111(b) states that "the reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims . . . patentable over the . . . references." It further states that "a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section." 37 CFR 1.111(c) states "the applicant or patent owner must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made."

Accordingly, the petition does not meet conditions II.5 and II.6 for the reasons cited above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is available) from the date of this decision in order

to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1638.

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Serial No.: 12/180,551	: SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
Filed: July 27, 2008	: UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P.
Attorney Docket No.: 544960-201	: § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed July 27, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in an agreement that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a Final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Dave Nguyen, TC1600 Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-0731.

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In re Application of	:
Krishna et al.	: DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE
Serial No.: 12/180,553	: SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
Filed: July 27, 2008	: UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P.
Attorney Docket No.: 544960-202	: § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed July 27, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

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In re Application of :
Thomas Reinheimer et al. :
Application No. 12/180,559 : ON PETITION
Filed: July 27, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No: IS08.001 :

This is a decision on the petition filed February 9, 2010 under 37 CFR 1.137(b),[1] to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the non-Final Office Action mailed April 15, 2009. A shortened statutory period of three months was set for replying to the non-Final Office Action. No response having been timely filed, this application became abandoned July 16, 2009. Accordingly, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed November 27, 2009.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 3689 for appropriate action on the amendment filed February 9, 2010.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

Patricia Faison-Ball

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[1]Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may required additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

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In re Application of PARK, BYUNGSOON et. al. Application No. 12/180,658 Filed: July 28, 2008 Attorney Docket No: 82254(303496)	: : : : : : :	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed September 23, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the KIPO;
(2) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the KIPO application(s);
(3) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the KIPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the KIPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the KIPO examiner in the KIPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Ram R. Shukla at 571-272-0735.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Yong Tae Kim	:	
Application No. 12/180,714	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 28, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. H&H-1	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 1, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fees on or before May 4, 2009, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed February 2, 2009. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is May 5, 2009. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 28, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee of $755 and the publication fee of $300, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the issue and publication fees are accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at (571) 272-4618.

This application is being referred to the Office of Data Management for further processing into a patent.

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In re Application of	:	
Sunyoung KIM	:	
Application No. 12/180,723	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Effective Date: July 28, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. **2298.0020008/TJS/M-N**	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 16, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed September 09, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on November 10, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of the required fees and Declaration, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application of September 09, 2008 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

This application is being referred to the Office Patent Application Processing..

Ramesh Krishnamurthy
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Geisberber, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/180,728	:	ON PETITION
Deposited: July 28, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. WAS 0964 PUS	:	

This is in response to the "PETITION FOR ADDING OMITTED MATERIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.55 AND 37 C.F.R. 1.57(a)", filed October 6, 2008, requesting that the above referenced application be accorded a filing date of July 28, 2008. This petition is being treated pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(e)(2)[1].

Application papers in the above-identified application were deposited on July 28, 2008. However, on August 6, 2008, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed applicants a "Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application," notifying applicants that the application papers had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without drawings. Applicants request that the application be accorded the filing date of July 28, 2008.

Petitioner's arguments and evidence have been considered. However, a review of the application confirms that, as filed, the application contained at least one process claim. MPEP 601.01(f) provides that:

> It has been USPTO practice to treat an application that contains at least one process or method claim as an application for which a drawing is not necessary for an understanding of the invention under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).

Thus, pursuant to § 601.01(f), a drawing is not considered essential for a filing date. The instant application is entitled to a filing date without drawings present in the application.

[1] Any request for review of a notification pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this section, or a notification that the original application papers lack a portion of the specification or drawing(s), must be by way of a petition pursuant to this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(f). In the absence of a timely (§ 1.181(f)) petition pursuant to this paragraph, the filing date of an application in which the applicant was notified of a filing error pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this section will be the date the filing error is corrected.

Accordingly, the Office should have granted the application a filing date and mailed a Notice of Omitted Items instead of a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application. As stated in MPEP 601.01(g) under the section entitled, "Application Entitled to a Filing Date," applicant may submit an amendment to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawing(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a):

> [i]f an application was filed on or after September 21, 2004, and contains a claim under 37 CFR 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application that was present on the filing date of the application, and the omitted portion of the drawing(s) was inadvertently omitted from the application and is completely contained in the prior-filed application[.]

Receipt of the 1 sheet of drawings and the Preliminary Amendment seeking its entry, submitted with the instant petition, is acknowledged.

To the extent the instant petition requests a filing date of July 28, 2008 with no drawings present in the application on filing, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Given the basis for granting this petition, the $400 petition fee has been refunded to Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

Pursuant to this decision, the application will be referred to Office of Patent Application Processing for:

- **correction of the filing date to July 28, 2008**;
- **for indication in Office records, as appropriate, that "0" sheets of drawings were present on filing** and
- **for issuance of a filing receipt.**

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at (571) 272-3207.

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In re Application of: KIRZNER, Eli et. al.
Serial No.: **12/180,742**
Filed: July 28, 2008
Docket: IL92008009US1 (1963-8038)
Title: METHOD FOR ASSOCIATING INDIVIDUALS OR EMAIL GROUPS WITH A SPECIFIC RECIPIENT FIELD

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 28, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-4147.

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In re application of Hiroyuki Enomoto et al. Application No. 12/180,754 Filed: July 28, 2008 For: ELECTRONIC CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VEHICLE	: : : : : :	**DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed December 16, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of the Office action from the JPO application just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" (e.g., the latest "Notification of Reasons for Refusal") for each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

In light of the preliminary amendment filed December 16, 2009 with the petition, the request to participate in the PPH program complies with the above requirements. Therefore, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision as soon as any pre-exam processing has been completed.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Steven N. Meyers, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-6611.

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In re Application of :
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Application No. 12/180,761 : ON PETITION
Deposited: July 28, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. ICC-304/B/DIV :

This is a decision on the "PETITION UNDER § 1.57(a)" filed October 3, 2008, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of July 28, 2008. Receipt of the amendment under 37 CFR 1.57(a) filed November 10, 2009 is acknowledged.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Application papers in the above-identified application were deposited on July 28, 2008. On August 6, 2008, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed a "NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION" stating that the application had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without a complete specification as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112.

In response, the present petition was timely filed. Applicants petition to amend the above-identified patent application to entitle the filing date of July 28, 2008 as the specification was inadvertently omitted at the time of filing.

ON PETITION UNDER 1.57(a)

37 CFR § 1.57 provides that:

> (a) Subject to the conditions and requirements of this paragraph, if all or a portion of the specification or drawing(s) is inadvertently omitted from an application,

> but the application contains a claim under § 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under § 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application, that was present on the filing date of the application, and the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) is completely contained in the prior-filed application, the claim under § 1.55 or § 1.78 shall also be considered an incorporation by reference of the prior-filed application as to the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s).
>
> > (1) The application must be amended to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) within any time period set by the Office, but in no case later than the close of prosecution as defined by § 1.114(b), or abandonment of the application, whichever occurs earlier. The applicant is also required to:
> >
> > (i) Supply a copy of the prior-filed application, except where the prior-filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111;
> >
> > (ii) Supply an English language translation of any prior-filed application that is in a language other than English; and
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> > (iii) Identify where the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawings can be found in the prior-filed application.
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> > ...
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> > (3) If an application is not otherwise entitled to a filing date under § 1.53(b), the amendment must be by way of a petition pursuant to this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(f).

The instant application was filed after September 21, 2004, and thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.57(a) are applicable. A review of the application confirms that on filing it included in the application data sheet (and in the preliminary amendment to the specification) a claim under § 1.78 for the benefit of priority to prior-filed application No. 11/107,830. It is noted that the

application papers received on filing included a preliminary amendment to the specification, amending the claims, but omitted the entire specification.

Moreover, petitioner states that the specification was inadvertently omitted and that it was completely contained in the prior application. Moreover, petitioner has filed an amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.57 that states that the specification submitted by amendment can also be found in prior application No. 11/107,830. The petition includes the fee set forth in § 1.17(f). The instant petition meets the requirements of § 1.57(a).

Thus, pursuant to § 1.57(a), the application as filed is considered to have incorporated by reference the prior-filed application as to the inadvertently omitted specification.

In view thereof, the petition is granted.

Receipt of the petition fee of $400 is acknowledged.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing for **according of a filing date of July 28, 2008**, as a divisional under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of prior application No. 11/107,830, using the copy of the specification, claims, drawings and abstract from the prior application supplied on petition filed October 3, 2008.

Applicants will receive appropriate notifications regarding the fees owed, if any, and other information in due course from OIPE.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Nancy Johnson, Senior Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3219.

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Patent Number	: 7599134	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
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Appliction No	: 12/180,762	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

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Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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Patent Number	: 7664638	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
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In re Application of	
SEKINE et al.	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Application No.: 12/180,831	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Filed: 28 July 2008	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Attorney Docket No.: 329721US2	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
For: CIRCUIT BOARD, ELECTRONIC	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
DEVICE AND METHOD FOR	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**
MANUFACTURING THE SAME	

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 24 November 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Discussion

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

1. The U.S. application is

    a. a Paris Convention application which either
        i. validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
    b. a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
        iii. contains no priority claim, or
    c. a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or

ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
iii. contains no priority claim;

2. Applicant must submit a copy of:
   a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s);
   b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
3. Applicant must:
   a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
   b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;
4. Examination of the U.S. application has <u>not</u> begun;
5. Applicant must submit:
   a. Documentation of prior office action:
      i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
      ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
      iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;
   b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
6. Applicant must submit:
   a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
   b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);
7. The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html.

This application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

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Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

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Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of: Kerry Bernstein et al. Serial No.: 12/180,938 Filed: July 28, 2008 Docket No.: BUR920080165US1 Title: TESTING FOR NORMAL OR REVERSE TEMPERATURE RELATED DELAY VARIATIONS IN INTEGRATED CIRCUITS	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 28, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1638.

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Application 12/180,945
Filed: July 28, 2008
For: TREATMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 28, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The petition in this case fails to comply with conditions II.5.2 and II.6.5.

As to Condition II.5.2, the Dialog database search outlined in the Search Document is not sufficient to be said to encompass all the features of the claims. Applicant asserts that the feature "evaluating of the treatment regimen based upon a database for storing data related to a patient" contribute to the patentability of the claimed invention. However, Applicant's searches merely use "evalu$" and are not using sufficient synonyms (e.g. assessing, appraising, analyzing) which are directed toward the details of such claimed feature; therefore, special emphasis should be placed on searching this feature as well using these synonyms.

Further, the Dialog search on page 6 of the Search Statement uses proximities (i.e. near! 0), near5) which are not permitted in Dialog. In addition, the search strategy uses L numbers whose queries are not provided. For example, L11 and L16 refer to L7, however L7 is not provided in the listing.

As to Condition II.6.5, the Accelerated Examination Support Document does not map out where *each* limitation of all claims *specifically* finds support in the specification of the instant application as well as in the specifications of parent applications.

The petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DECISION

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within one (1) month or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the date of this decision. No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) if the request is to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Robert Weinhardt, Business Practice Specialist, at (571) 272-6633, or Romain Jeanty, Primary Examiner, at (571) 272-6732.

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Application No. 12/180,945
Filed: July 28, 2008
For: TREATMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

: **DECISION ON PETITION**
: **TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR**
: **NEW APPLICATION**
: **UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on September 25, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

A petition to make special was filed in the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.102(d) on July 28, 2008. That petition was dismissed in a decision mailed September 2, 2008 wherein a non-extendible period of 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever was longer, was set to request reconsideration.

The reasons for the dismissal included a finding of an inadequate Search Document and an inadequate Support Document.

In response thereto, applicant submitted an updated Search Document and an updated Support Document on September 25, 2008.

With respect to the updated Support document filed September 25, 2008, applicant has not successfully remedied the issue raised in the dismissal concerning the mapping of where each limitation of the claims specifically finds support in the specification of the parent applications and the instant specification under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph.

Specifically, in both the originally filed and revised Support Documents, applicant states that this application is a continuation of 11/356,384 which it turn claims the benefit to this provisional. However, applicant still has not provided any mapping of the claim limitations to this provisional application. It is noted that the page, line numbers and drawing references appearing in the revised Support Document do not correspond to similar subject matter in the provisional as the specification of the provisional is not identical to that of the instant application. Further, with respect to the mapping of the claim limitations to the instant specification, applicant has merely identified portions of

the specification that essentially repeat the claim language. With respect to 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph, support or possession of the claimed invention is shown by describing the claimed invention with all of its limitations using such descriptive means such as words, structure, figures, diagrams, and formulas that *fully set forth* the claimed invention. The written description requirement of 35 USC 112,1st paragraph serves to both satisfy the inventor's obligation to disclose the *technologic knowledge* upon which the application is based, and to demonstrate that the patentee is in possession of the claimed invention. Thus, claim language here is not fully set forth by a mere repetition of the same claim language found in the specification.

With the updated Search Document filed September 25, 2008, applicant has successfully remedied the issues raised in the dismissal with respect to the proximity operators and missing L numbers of the Dialog search. However, with respect to the issue raised regarding the use of sufficient synonyms, this issue has not been fully resolved.

Specifically, the dismissal indicated that the Dialog search did not use sufficient synonyms for "evalu$" and suggested examples "assessing, appraising, analyzing". While applicant did revise the Dialog search, the revised search merely incorporated these terms literally without proper truncation expected in proper search strategy construction. In other words, merely using "(assessing or appraising or analyzing or evaluating)" in the revised search as seen in L21 of the revised Dialog search would clearly miss relevant phrases describing e.g. "...an assess*ment* of the treatment..." and other variations not specifically using the "ing" suffix. As indicated in the dismissal, this feature is relied on to show patentability, but has not been properly searched.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is reminded that a only single opportunity to perfect the petition is given. Therefore, further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Business Practice Specialist Robert Weinhardt at (571) 272-6633 or Business Practice Specialist C. Michelle Tarae at (571) 272-6727.

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed July 28, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a copy of applicant's drivers license. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3736 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Title: MODEL-DRIVEN FEEDBACK FOR ANNOTATION

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 28, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

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6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I.1–I.4, II.5.1, II.5.3, II.6.1, II.6.4, II.6.5 and II.6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II.5.2, II.6.2, and II.6.3 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and items II.5.2 above, the preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims.

The search logic does not seem to include the inventive concept or features included in the claim language that covers the subject matter of the claims using terms recognized in the art given their broadest reasonable interpretation. The search should consider individual features by themselves and combinations of features. The search should cover the broadest scope encompassed by the claims as well as claims of narrow and intermediate breadth.

Based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following class and subclass (where the application has been classified and docketed) is recommended in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: Class 715, subclasses 230 (annotation control) for subject matter related to performing annotations.

The database queries for the Espacenet database on pages 5-6 of the preexamination search are limited to the abstract and title of the patent documents. The search should include the entire text of the patent documents and not be limited to the abstract and title to ensure a complete search of the patent documents is performed. Correction is required.

With respect to the database searches, the claim limitations some of which have been identified as patentable features distinguishing the claimed invention from the cited prior art (such as providing different parts of a corpus to different human annotators, identifying inconsistencies between each of the human annotators and a model that makes annotation predictions, allowing the human annotator to independent control the confidence threshold selectivity of the model via a UI to alter the visualization level of agreement between the respective annotator and model; notifying the human annotator of an inconsistency. . .allowing each human annotator to review and revise. . .updating the model. . .making the updated model available to all human annotators) recited in claim 1) or any search terms covering these limitations do not appear to have been included in the search. Petitioner should review all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarifications if deemed necessary.

With respect to the search logic identified, and in particular with respect to the instant claim, the text search appears to be incomplete. It is recommended that the following search terms be included in an updated search. Such example search terms (shown below) should be searched in singular or in combination:

annotat$3 and ((multiple group collaborat$3) with (user annotator human))

annotat$3 and ((part section portion) with (document corpus page))

annotat$3 and ((conflict$1 inconsisten$4 discrepenc$3) with model)

annotat$3 and ((conflict$1 inconsisten$4 discrepenc$3) with (user annotator human))

The default proximity operator is OR, the other proximity operators used in EAST are: "adj", "near", "with", and "same".

Note that the above list of terms and synonyms are not meant to be an exhaustive list, merely an example of various terms and synonyms that can be used to produce a more comprehensive prior art search. Nor should these examples be limited only to those sets of search terms provided. Each search term used should be evaluated for applicable synonyms.

The additional search recommendations were confirmed with and recommended by a (primary) examiner in the pertinent art area.

The petitioner should review the Detailed Explanation of Patentability section in view of any updated search and/or clarifications and provide clarifications, as necessary, to ensure compliance with the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item 6.3 above.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(2) and item 6.2 above, the Petitioner should provide an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Specifically, the Petitioner has not clearly identified the claim limitations believed to be disclosed by the references. For example, with respect to the Johnson reference, the Petitioner states Johnson discloses various features; however, it is unclear which claim limitations these teachings of Johnson are intended to teach. Applicant should provide a claim-by-claim mapping of the pertinent subject matter disclosed in each of the references, **specifically identifying each claim limitation and corresponding disclosure within the reference, citing to specific relevant portions of each reference. Any reference which teaches any portion of the limitation must be so identified even if the reference does not teach the entirety of the limitation**. Correction is required.

Further, since the Petitioner only discusses the Johnson reference in section 9B, it is not clear if the other references cited in section 9A as closely related to the subject matter of the claim teach any of the limitations or not. If the references identified in section 9A as closely related to the subject matter of the claim do teach some of the claim limitations, the Petitioner should provide a claim-by-claim mapping of the pertinent subject matter disclosed in each of the references, **specifically identifying each claim limitation and corresponding disclosure within the reference, citing to specific relevant portions of each reference. Any reference which teaches any portion of the limitation must be so identified even if the reference does not teach the entirety of the limitation.** Otherwise, the Petitioner should clearly indicate that the references do not teach any of the claim limitations. Clarification/correction is required.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item 6.3 above, the Petitioner should provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c).

37 CFR 1.111(b) states a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section. In this case, the Petitioner provides a general discussion of the references without comparing them to the language of the claim. For instance, both the Chidlovskii and Acero references are discussed in detail, but it is not clear which claim limitations these references fail to disclose. Therefore, it is not clear what patentable distinction exists between the claimed invention and the cited prior art references.

In addition, 37 CFR § 1.111 (c) states in part "the applicant or patent owner must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited."

The Petitioner appears to discuss the Chidlovskii and Acero references in section 9C without pointing out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited. Specifically, in light of the deficiencies noted for section 9B, it is not clear which limitations are disclosed by the references and which limitations are not disclosed by the references. The Petitioner must <u>specifically</u> properly <u>compare/contrast</u> the claimed invention with respect to the relevant teachings in the prior art in the identified references, and **point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the <u>claims</u> present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited (i.e. identifying limitations that are believed to be patentable features)**.

In additions to the deficiencies of section 9C noted above, the Petitioner refers to "the reference" in section 9C on pages 3-4; however, it is not clear which specific reference is being discussed. Also, on page 6, section 9C ends with an incomplete sentence reciting "such visualization levels are". Correction is required.

Thus, the petition does not meet the conditions II.5.2, II.6.2, and II.6.3 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **<u>dismissed</u>**.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal

of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3719.

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DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on April 9, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition filed July 28, 2008 was dismissed in a decision mailed March 20, 2009.

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the

examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3719.

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In re Application of	:	
Ronald M. Potok, et. al.	:	
Application No. 12/180,989	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 28, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW FROM
Attorney Docket No. P3770US00	:	RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR §§ 1.36(b) or 10.40, filed November 21, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

It is noted that petitioner did not make all the required certifications. However, since the assignee revoked the previous power of attorney on December 4, 2009, the request to withdraw under 37 CFR §§ 1.36(b) or 10.40 is moot.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

This application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2829 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226.

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12/181,005	07/28/2008	Ryoichi Fukumoto	1000409-000290	1124

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NOTIFICATION DATE	DELIVERY MODE
10/15/2009	ELECTRONIC

DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

1. ☑ The petition was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment before an examination has been made of the application. See 37 CFR 1.138(d).
2. ☐ The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).
3. ☐ The application is not an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) on or after December 8, 2004.
4. ☐ The petition for express abandonment under 1.138(d) is dismissed because the applicant did not pay any search fee and excess claims fees in the above-identified application.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

Tomi Farmer

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In re Application of	:	
Henri WAELBROECK, et al	:	
Application No. 12/181,028	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 28, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 28655-025	:	FROM RECORD
	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed April 9, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED because it is moot.**

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Michael C. Greenbaum and the attorneys associated with Customer Number 27557, has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on April 9, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272- 6735.

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Application No. 12/181,045	:	DECISION ON
Filed: July 28, 2008	:	PETITION TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 37720-00003	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 24, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A review of the file record indicates that Kevin R. Spivak does not have power of attorney in this patent application. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is not applicable.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

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12/181,106	07/28/2008	Tomotake KISHIDA	0951-0227PUS1	1314

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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(c)

The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c), for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

1. ☐ The petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment and remove the application from the publication process.
2. ☐ The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).
3. ☑ The Application was published in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 122(b), and it is available on the USPTO web site at http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html.
4. ☐ Petition fee was not paid.

The application **has/will be published** as scheduled.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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In re Application of	:	
Brian Foley et al.	:	
Application No. 12/181,248	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 28, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 97353.00148	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 11, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Eric E. Grondahl, Esq. on behalf of all attorneys/agents associated with customer number 21832. All attorneys/agents associated with customer number 21832 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R. 3.71. Accordingly, all correspondence will be mailed to address of the first signing inventor at the first copied address below. A courtesy copy of this decision will be mailed to the address noted on the request. If this person(s) desire to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the proper power of attorney documents must be submitted. If an assignee has interest in an application, then compliance with 37 CFR 3.73(b) must be satisfied.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

Kimberly Inabinet

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12/181,248	07/28/2008	Brian Foley	97353.00148

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Date Mailed: 04/01/2009

NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 02/11/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of
Chris Dobkins
Application No. 12/181,261
Filed: July 28, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 8318P001

DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6), filed October 16, 2009, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application set forth in the concurrently filed amendment.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

A petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and must be filed during the pendency of the nonprovisional application. In addition, the petition must be accompanied by:

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(i) to the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
(2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

Additionally, the instant nonprovisional application must be pending at the time of filing of the reference to the prior-filed provisional application as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii). Further, the nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application must have been filed within twelve months of the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application.

All of the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the prior-filed application. In order for this application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed provisional application, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 3753 for consideration by the examiner of the claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed provisional application.

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Karen Creasy
Petition Examiner
Office of Petitions

ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt

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12/181,261	07/28/2008	3753	710	8318P001	19	5

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CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Date Mailed: 12/29/2009

Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

Applicant(s)

Chris Dobkins, San Francisco, CA;

Power of Attorney: The patent practitioners associated with Customer Number 08791

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This appln claims benefit of 60/962,250 07/27/2007
and claims benefit of 61/001,486 10/31/2007

Foreign Applications

Permission to Access - A proper **Authorization to Permit Access to Application by Participating Offices** (PTO/SB/39 or its equivalent) has been received by the USPTO.

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 08/05/2008

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 12/181,261**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No
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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR VACUUM SEALING

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Almost every country has its own patent law, and a person desiring a patent in a particular country must make an application for patent in that country in accordance with its particular laws. Since the laws of many countries differ in various respects from the patent law of the United States, applicants are advised to seek guidance from specific foreign countries to ensure that patent rights are not lost prematurely.

Applicants also are advised that in the case of inventions made in the United States, the Director of the USPTO must issue a license before applicants can apply for a patent in a foreign country. The filing of a U.S. patent application serves as a request for a foreign filing license. The application's filing receipt contains further information and guidance as to the status of applicant's license for foreign filing.

Applicants may wish to consult the USPTO booklet, "General Information Concerning Patents" (specifically, the section entitled "Treaties and Foreign Patents") for more information on timeframes and deadlines for filing foreign patent applications. The guide is available either by contacting the USPTO Contact Center at 800-786-9199, or it can be viewed on the USPTO website at http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/doc/general/index.html.

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Fei-Hsin Tsai	:	
Application Number: 12/181270	:	ON PETITION
Filing Date: 07/28/2008	:	
Attorney Docket Number: GD-IPT0960 (GD-21)	:	

This is a decision on the "Petition to Correct Inventor's Name Spelling Under 37 CFR 1.48," filed on January 21, 2010. Applicants request that the Office records be corrected to reflect a typographical correction in the inventor's last name.[1]

The request is **GRANTED**.

A corrected Filing Receipt reflecting the correction was mailed on February 9, 2010.

No fee is due. The fee paid with this request will be credited to counsel's deposit account.

The application is referred to the Office of Data Management for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3231.

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[1] MPEP 605.04(b) states: Except for correction of a typographical or transliteration error in the spelling of an inventor's name, a request to have the name changed from the typewritten version to the signed version or any other corrections in the name of the inventor(s) will not be entertained, unless accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 together with an appropriate petition fee.

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Application No. 12/181,308	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: July 28, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. ID-1 CONT. 2	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed, April 27, 2010 to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on April 13, 2010 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2434 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed information disclosure statement.

Terri Johnson
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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Applicant	: Srinivas Perisetty	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7639041	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 12/29/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/181,313	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 07/28/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

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Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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Applicant	: S. Brad Herner	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7648896	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 01/19/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/181,317	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 07/28/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Notice of the Office communication was sent electronically on above-indicated "Notification Date" to the following e-mail address(es):

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In re application of Charles C. Gange et al. Application No. 12/181,337 Filed: July 29, 2008 For: CONNECTOR AND SPRAY SHIELD ASSEMBLY FOR LIQUID COOLING OF ELECTRONICS	: : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 29, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed to a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Quality Assurance Specialist Teri P. Luu, at (571) 272-7045.

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In re Application of
Gerald K. BARTLEY, et al.
Application No. 12/181,342
Filed: July 29, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **1342-0029**

DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 23, 2009.

The request is **DISMISSED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to **WARD AND SMITH, PA** has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on March 20, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

/Monica A. Graves/
Petitions Examiner, Office of Petitions

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Mail Date: 04/21/2010

Applicant	: Kyung-geun LEE	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7583573	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 09/01/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/181,345	: OF WYETH
Filed	: 07/29/2008	:
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The Patentee's Request for Recalculation is **DISMISSED.**

This Request is deemed ineligible for consideration for one or more of the following reasons:

(A). The patent for which PTA recalculation is requested is either a design or reissue application or is a reexamination proceeding;

(B). The patent for which PTA recalculation is requested resulted from a utility or plant application filed under 35 USC 111(a) before May 29, 2000 and no CPA filed in the application on/after May 29, 2000;

(C). The patent for which PTA recalculation is requested resulted from an international application in which the international filing date was before May 29, 2000 and no CPA filed in the application on/after May 29, 2000;

(D). The patent for which PTA recalculation is requested issued on/after March 2, 2010;

(E). The Request for Recalculation was filed more than 180 days after the grant date of the patent and the request was not filed within two months of a dismissal of a request for reconsideration of the of the patent term under 37 CFR 1.705(d);

(F). The Request for Recalculation is not solely limited to USPTO pre-Wyeth interpretation of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A);

or

(G). A civil action was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A)concerning the same patent at issue in this request.

Patentee may file a reply to this decision dismissing the Request for Recalculation. Patentee must file such reply within one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, of the mail date of the decision dismissing the Request for Recalculation. No fee is required if patentee is asserting in the reply that the dismissal for ineligibility is improper.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a reply to this dismissal. If the USPTO finds that the request was improperly deemed ineligible, the USPTO will mail applicant a recalculation determination.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A). Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of
Gerald K. BARTLEY, et al.
Application No. 12/181,352
Filed: July 29, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **1342-0030**

DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 23, 2009.

The request is **DISMISSED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to **WARD AND SMITH, PA** has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on March 20, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

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Application No. 12/181,365	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 1342-0034	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 23, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Ward and Smith, P.A. has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on March 20, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2911.

Terri Williams
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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Application No. 12/181,367	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. ROC920080091US1	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 23, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Ward and Smith, P.A., has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on March 20, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272- 6735.

Diane Goodwyn
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of	:	
Steven Michael Douskey, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/181,376	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 24, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. ROC920080262US1 (IBM 47)	:	FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 23, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request was signed by E. Eric Mills on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 74342. All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 74342 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first named inventor Steven Michael Douskey at the address indicated below.

There are no pending Office actions at the present time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 01/23/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 23, 2009.

The request is **moot because a revocation of power of attorney has been filed**.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to E. Eric Mills and all attorneys/agents of record have been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on March 20, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272- 4618.

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Attorney Docket No. ROC920080239US1 (IBM 45)	:	FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 23, 2009..

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by E. Eric Mills on behalf of the attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 74342.

The attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 74342 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first signing inventor at the address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

In order to request or take action in a patent matter, the assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee

(*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

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Petitions Examiner
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Applicant	: Christopher E. Whitney	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7593806	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
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The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of :
Jozsef Fulop et al. :
Application No. 12/181,414 : ON PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. 232555(GECZ 2 00905) :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 21, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed August 5, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 6, 2008.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C) and (D). The instant petition lacks item(s) (1).

The petition does not satisfy item (1) in that (a) the drawings filed concurrently with the instant petition lack the labeling "Replacement Sheet" for compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(c) and 37 CFR 1.121(d) required by the Notice and (b) in the declaration filed concurrently with the instant petition, "examination" needs to be replaced with –patentability— in the "duty to disclose" statement. This application can not be granted until the items noted above are corrected.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at 571-272-4584

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In re Application of :
Jozsef Fulop et al. :
Application No. 12/181,414 : ON PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. 232555GECZ200905US01 :

This is a decision on the renewed petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 15, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed August 5, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. The application became abandoned on October 6, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of replacement drawings, oath or declaration, and surcharge, (2) the petition fee of $1,620 (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at 571-272-4584.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing.

JoAnne Burke
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In re Application of	:	
David A. JAFFRAY et al.	:	
Application No. 12/181,492	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. E51.12-0006	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed March 24, 2009, to change the order of the names of the inventors.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Office records have been corrected to reflect the change in the order of the named inventors. A corrected Filing Receipt, which sets forth the desired order of the named inventors, accompanies this decision on petition.

As authorized, the $400 fee for the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 has been assessed to petitioner's deposit account.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2882 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at (571) 272-4231.

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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt

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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 08/14/2008

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 12/181,492**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

IMAGE-GUIDED MULTI-SOURCE RADIOTHERAPY

Preliminary Class

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Application No. 12/181,502	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 17, 2008.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Harrity & Harrity, LLP, has been revoked by the applicant of the patent application on October 29, 2008. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272- 6735.

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In re Application of: Christoph Hagleitner et al. Serial No.: 12/181,506 Filed: July 29, 2008 Docket No.: CH920070103US1 Title: LOW POWER TO ANALOG TO DIGITAL CONVERTER WITH SMALL INPUT CAPACITANCE	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 29, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102.

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), M.P.E.P. §708.02(a) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner; and

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a pre-examination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The pre-examination search must:

5.1. involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation; and

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists; and

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The application is eligible for the accelerated examination program as set forth in section I above.

The petition meets conditions II.1 through II.5; and conditions II.6.4 through II.6.6 above. However, the petition does not meet conditions II.6.1-II.6.3 above.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.1 above, the information disclosure statement (IDS) is required to comply with 37 CFR 1.98. The IDS, however, fails to include a legible copy of the cited copending application to Hagleitner et al., in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii).

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.2 above, the support document is required to identify all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by ***each reference*** cited on the IDS, specifying where the limitations are disclosed in the cited reference. The support document, however, fails to identify the claim limitations that are disclosed by the cited copending application.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.3 above, the support document is required to include a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and (c). The support document, however, fails to provide a detailed explanation of how the claim is patentable over the cited references, including the cited copending application.

Accordingly, the petition does not meet conditions II.6.1-II.6.3 for the reasons cited above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is available) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1606.

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In re Application of: HAGLEITNER et al. Serial No.: 12/181,506 Filed: July 29, 2008 Attorney Docket No.: CH920070103US1 Title: LOW POWER TO ANALOG TO DIGITAL CONVERTER WITH SMALL INPUT CAPACITANCE	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.2

A decision dismissing the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination was mailed on September 25, 2008. The decision set a non-extendable time period of one month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, from its mailing date to correct the deficiency/deficiencies in the petition.

As of October 27, 2007, the expiry of the period set, neither a reply nor a renewed petition was received. Accordingly, the application is no longer eligible for the accelerated examination program.

The application will remain in its regular status and will be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Quality Assurance Specialist Jose' G. Dees at (571) 272-1569.

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In re Application of: Jae Hyung **Song** et al.
Application No.: 12/181,510
Filed: July 29, 2008

For: **DIGITAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM AND DATA PROCESSING METHOD**

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed May 04, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the KIPO;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the KIPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the KIPO application(s);

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit a copy of the all office actions (excluding "Decision to Grant a Patent") from each of the KIPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the KIPO examiner in the KIPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition are found to comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Ricky Ngo 571-272-3139.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of: Christoph Hagleitner et al. Serial No.: 12/181,532 Filed: July 29, 2008 Docket No.: CH920080051US1 Title: CURRENT-INTEGRATING AMPLIFIER	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 29, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102 and M.P.E.P. §708.02(a).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), M.P.E.P. §708.02(a) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

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5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a pre-examination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The pre-examination search must:

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5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation; and

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6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The application is eligible for the accelerated examination program as set forth in section I above.

The petition meets conditions II.1 through II.5; and conditions II.6.4 through II.6.6 above. However, the petition does not meet conditions II.6.1-II.6.3 above.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.1 above, the information disclosure statement (IDS) is required to comply with 37 CFR 1.98. The IDS, however, fails to include a legible copy of the cited copending application, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii).

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.2 above, the support document is required to identify all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by ***each reference*** cited on the IDS, specifying where the limitations are disclosed in the cited reference. The support document, however, fails to identify the claim limitations that are disclosed by the cited copending application.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.3 above, the support document is required to include a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and (c). The support document, however, fails to provide a detailed explanation of how the claim is patentable over the cited references, including the cited copending application.

Accordingly, the petition does not meet conditions II.6.1-II.6.3 for the reasons cited above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is available) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1606.

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In re Application of: Christoph Hagleitner et al. Serial No.: 12/181,532 Filed: July 29, 2008 Docket No.: CH920080051US1 Title: CURRENT-INTEGRATING AMPLIFIER	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the revised petition filed on October 24, 2008 and supplemented on November 5, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1606.

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Applicant: Quick
Appl. No.: 12/181,578
Filing Date: July 29, 2008
Title: ATOMIC LAYER DEPOSITION SYSTEMS AND METHODS INCLUDING METAL BETA-DIKETIMINATE COMPOUNDS
Attorney Docket No.: 150.01470102
Pub. No.: US 2008/02804055 A1
Pub. Date: November 13, 2008

This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on December 11, 2008, for the above-identified application.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains material error in containing various errors resulting from faulty optical character recognition.

The request is DISMISSED.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a **material mistake** which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable." (Emphasis added) A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.[1]

The errors due to faulty optical character recognition are, in this case, not Office error. The errors are due to the quality of the text, which makes it difficult to electronically reproduce by digital imaging and optical character recognition. See 37 CFR 1.52(a)(1)(v), which states that all papers that are to become a permanent part of Office records must be presented "in a form having sufficient clarity and contrast between the paper and the writing to permit . . . electronic capture by use of digital imaging and optical character recognition." As set forth at MPEP 1121, "applications with poor quality text, which may be acceptable for scanning and examination purposes, may lead to errors in the patent application publication. Correction of these errors and

[1]Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

inclusion of any desired amendments into the text of the originally-filed specification and drawings will only occur if applicant files a request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a). They will not be corrected by the Office in a corrected publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b)."

The applicant is advised that a "request for republication of an application previously published" may be filed under 37 CFR 1.221 (a). Such a request for republication "must include a copy of the application compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements and be accompanied by the publication fee set forth in § 1.18 (d) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17 (i)." If the request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the republication will not take place and the publication fee set forth in § 1.18 (d) will be refunded. The processing fee will be retained.

Any request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), must be submitted via the EFS system, as a "Pre-Grant Publication" and questions or request for reconsideration of the decision, should be addressed as follows:

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A guide for filing a request for a Pre-Grant Publication, such as a request for republication, may be found on the link below:

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Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to Michael Cygan, Legal Advisor, at (571) 272-7700, or the undersigned at (571) 272-7709.

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Janet BARBERIO, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/181,659	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Attorney Docket No. **1211 001 301 0202**	:	

CORRECTED DECISION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 22, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, mailed August 7, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 8, 2008.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of corrected drawings; (2) the petition fee of $810; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

The application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing commensurate with this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Monica A. Graves at (571) 272-7253.

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Application No. 12181690

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 08-03-03PA

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1) ,filed 30-JUL-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded “special” status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquires concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Applicant	: James Heskin	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7574278	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 08/11/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/181,706	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 07/29/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of:
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Serial No.: 12/182,721
Filed: July 30, 2008
Attorney Docket number: **2008_0898A**
Title: **METHOD OF USING A VIDEO CONFERENCING SYSTEM INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO 2-DIMENSIONAL DISPLAY SCREENS TO IMPLEMENT A COMMON VIRTUAL SURFACE**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 30, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

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REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II, items 5.2, and 5.3.

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement in item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: The US field of search and database searches which are to be provided under section 8(A) are not sufficient. In addition to the search areas provided, applicant would also need to search the following class/subclasses:
345/1.1, 1.3.

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per item 5.1 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; a new Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any newly found prior art, and the Accelerated Examination Support Document must also be amended to include the necessary reference and discussion of any newly found and cited prior art in accordance with all of items 6 through 6.6 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ken Wieder, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-2986.

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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(c)

The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c), for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

1. ☑ The petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment and remove the application from the publication process.
2. ☐ The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).
3. ☐ The Application was published in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 122(b), and it is available on the USPTO web site at http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html.
4. ☐ Petition fee was not paid.

The application **has/will be published** as scheduled.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Kannan et al
Application 12/181,758
Filed: July 29, 2008
For: **EFFICIENT AUCTIONING OF ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS BY USING TRAFFIC ESTIMATION DATA FROM MOBILE PHONE SERVICE**

: **DECISION ON PETITION**
: **TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR**
: **NEW APPLICATION**
: **UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 29, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The petition in this case fails to comply with conditions II.5.2

As to condition II.5.2, the petition lacks an indication of a preexamination search that encompasses all of the features of the claims. Specifically, while the classification search is acceptable, with respect to the text search of the US Patents database, the petition lacks sufficiently specific search logic. The USPTO website has an example of the proper manner of performing and documenting a preexamination search for Accelerated Examination petitions at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/.

The NPL database search outlined in the Search Document also is not sufficient to be said to encompass all the features of the claims. The USPTO website has search templates that are broken down by class and subclass classification and provides a listing of the websites to be searched when dealing with claimed subject matter in those classifications at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/705/14.htm.
For applications in US class/subclass 705/14 (where the invention is classified, such as the current application, the NPL searches here miss such databases as Business & Industry, Dialog Global Reporter, Ei Compendex, Gale Group PROMPT, Gale Group Trade & Industry New York Times Full-text, as Gale Group Marketing & Advertising Reference Service directly related to marketing and advertising, PR Newswire, Wall Street Journal.

With respect to Condition II.5.2, the preexamination search must be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation. Applicant's searches are very broad and do not focus on many of the recited claim details. More specifically, Applicant generally searches the concept of "determining an auction reserve price for a display time slot..." in the claim. As a matter of fact, Applicant asserts that these features contribute to the patentability of the claimed invention; therefore, special emphasis should be placed on these details in the search queries.
A recommended search might be executed in all databases of West with the following search queries:

L1: ((service adj provider$ or provider$) near5 traffic adj (data or information) and (billboard$ or bill adj board$ or adverti$ or ads or commercial$1 or banner$ or poste$))

L2: (price$1 or cost$1 or fee$) near5 (time adj (slot$ or location$)) near7 (cell adj phone$ or mobile$ or PDA$ or black adj berr$ or hand adj held or pager$) and (condition$ or restriction$ or pre adj requisite$ or term$1 or estimat$)

L3: l1 and l2

Please keep in mind that these are non-limiting search suggestions and they are only meant to serve as a possible starting point for Applicant's preexamination search.

The petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DECISION

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within one (1) month or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the date of this decision. No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) if the request is to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Robert Weinhardt, Business Practice Specialist, at (571) 272-6633, or Romain Jeanty, Primary Examiner, at (571) 272-6732.

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Kannan et al.	:	**TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR**
Application No. 12/181,758	:	**NEW APPLICATION**
Filed: July 29, 2008	:	**UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

For: EFFICIENT AUCTIONING OF ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS BY USING TRAFFIC ESTIMATION DATA FROM MOBILE PHONE SERVICE

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 29, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the

first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed to a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated

examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

    If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is

involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to C. Michelle Tarae at (571) 272-6727, or Robert Weinhardt at (571) 272-6633, both Business Practice Specialists.

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed July 29, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by Noel R. Potter attesting that he is over 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 571-272-4231.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2821 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Application No. 12/181,902 :
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Attorney Docket No. JDC5022USDIV1 :

Decision on Petition

This is a decision in response to the petition filed March 13, 2009, which requests the application be accorded a filing date of July 29, 2008, and requests entry of the drawings filed March 13, 2009. As will be discussed in this decision, the petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a) has been treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e). This is also a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 13, 2009, to revive the application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e) is **granted** to the extent indicated herein.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **dismissed as moot**.

Procedural History

The application was filed July 29, 2008.

The specification described drawings containing Figures 1, 2, and 3, but no drawings were filed on July 29, 2008.

The transmittal sheet filed July 29, 2008, explicitly incorporated by reference Application No. 10/771,950.

The application papers filed July 29, 2008, included an amendment adding the following language to the beginning of the specification:

> This application is a divisional application of United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/771,950, filed February 3, 2004, which claims priority to United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/185,087, filed June 28, 2002, now US Patent 6,896,518, issued May 24, 2005.

On August 18, 2008, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application stating drawings were not present, a filing date had not been

accorded, the filing date would be the date of receipt of the drawings, and an abstract must be filed. The Notice set a non-extendable two-month time period for reply.

The Office did not receive a reply to the August 18, 2008 Notice. As a result, on November 20, 2008, the Office credited all but $130 of the $1,030 previously submitted by petitioner back to petitioner's deposit account.

On November 21, 2008, the Office mailed a Notice of Termination of Proceedings Under 37 CFR 1.53(e). The Notice stated proceedings were terminated and that all but $130 of any previously paid fees would be refunded or credited to petitioner's deposit account.

On March 13, 2009, petitioner submitted the following items:

(1) A "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.57(a),"
(2) A petition fee of $400 for the petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a),
(3) An amendment to add the missing drawings,
(4) A "Petition For Revival ... Under 37 CFR 1.137(b),"
(5) A petition fee of $1,620 for the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), and
(6) An amendment to the specification to change the priority claim to indicate Application No. 10/771,950 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/185,087.

Discussion

The Petition Under 37 CFR 1.57(a)

One must always file an amendment in order to add material pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a). However, a petition under 37 CFR 1.57 and the $400 petition fee is only necessary if the application is not entitled to a filing date absent the missing material.

The Office has chosen to initially treat the petition as a petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e) in order to determine if the application should have been accorded a filing date without the drawings. If the application should have been accorded a filing date without the drawings, then a petition under 37 CFR 1.57 is unnecessary and the $400 fee is refundable.

A review of the application papers filed July 29, 2008, indicates the papers included at least one method claim. MPEP 601.01(f) states,

> It has been USPTO practice to treat an application that contains at least one process or method claim as an application for which a drawing is not necessary for an understanding of the invention under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).

Pursuant to MPEP 601.01(f), the Office should not have required drawings in order to accord the application a filing date. Instead, the Office should have granted the application a filing date of July 29, 2008, and mailed a Notice of Omitted Items instead of a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application. As stated in under the section titled, "Application Entitled to a

Filing Date," in MPEP 601.01(g), applicant may submit an *amendment* to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawing(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a):

> [If the] application was filed on or after September 21, 2004, and contains a claim under 37 CFR 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application that was present on the filing date of the application, and the omitted portion of the drawing(s) was inadvertently omitted from the application and is completely contained in the prior-filed application.

Since the application is entitled to a filing date without the drawings, an amendment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a) does not need to be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.57 and the petition fee of $400 has been refunded to petitioner's deposit account.

The Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)

In this case, the Office mailed a Notice of Termination of Proceedings. A Notice of Termination of Proceedings is not the equivalent of a Notice of Abandonment because an application that has not been accorded a filing date cannot become abandoned as a matter of law. In other words, an application that has never been pending cannot become abandoned within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.137. Therefore, the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is dismissed as moot.

The Office has the discretion to reopen proceedings when papers are filed more than two months after the mailing date of a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application. The Office has determined proceedings will be reopened in the instant case and, as discussed previously, the application will be processed with a filing date of July 29, 2008.

Fees

As previously noted, the $400 petition fee for the petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a) has been credited back to petitioner's deposit account.

Since the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is being dismissed as moot, the $1,620 petition fee has been credited back to petitioner's deposit account.

On November 20, 2008, the Office credited $900, all but $130 of the filing fee, examination fee, and search fee, back to petitioner's deposit account. In view of the instant decision, the filing fee, examination fee, and search fee are now necessary. Therefore, the Office has charged $900 to petitioner's deposit account.

Conclusion

The application will be accorded a filing date of July 29, 2008.

The examiner will determine if entry of the drawings filed March 13, 2009, as part of an amendment. is appropriate in due course.

Proceedings with respect to the instant application will be reopened and the Office of Patent Application Processing will prepare the application for examination in due course.

The Office has credited a petition fee of $400 and a petition fee of $1,620 back to petitioner's deposit account.

The Office has charged the sum of $900 to petitioner's deposit account for the required filing fee, examination fee, and search fee.

At this time, pursuant to this decision, the application will be referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for:

- **correction of the filing date to July 29, 2008**;
- **for indication in Office records, as appropriate, that "0" sheets of drawings were present on filing** and
- **for issuance of a filing receipt**.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley at (571) 272-3203.

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Patent No. : 7,577,324 B2
Appl. No. : 12/181,905
Inventor(s) : Alice Liu, et al.
Issued : August 18, 2009
Title : **METHODS TO REDUCE POLARIZATION DEPENDENT LOSS IN PLANAR LIGHTWAVE CIRCUITS**
Docket No. : 2003-51887 US

Re: Request for Certificate of Correction

Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule 1.323.

Assignees' names and addresses (assignment data) printed in a patent, are based *solely* on information supplied in the appropriate space for identifying the assignment data, i.e., item 3 of the Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85B. Granting of a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) is required to correct applicant's error providing ***incorrect or erroneous*** assignment data, *before* issuance of a Certificate of Correction, under 37 CFR 1.323 *(see Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (M.P.E.P) Chp.1400, sect. 1481)*. This procedure is required *at any time after the issue fee is paid*, including after issuance of the patent.

In view of the foregoing, your request, in this matter, is hereby denied.

A petition to correct the Assignee under 37 CFR 3.81(b) should include:

A. **the processing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.117(h) (currently $130);**
B. a statement that the failure to include the correct assignee name on the PTOL-85B was inadvertent; and
C. a copy of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document, reflecting the reel and frame number where the assignment(s) is recorded and/or reflecting proof of *the date* the assignment was submitted for recordation.

In the Request, Applicant(s) may request that the file be forwarded to Certificates of Correction Branch, for issuance of a Certificate of Correction, if the Request is granted.

Any request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) should be directed to the following address or facsimile number:

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By fax:	(571) 273-8300 ATTN: Office of Petitions

If a fee (currently $100) was previously submitted for consideration of a Request for Certificate of Correction, under CFR 1.323, to correct assignment data, no additional fee is required.

/Virginia Tolbert/
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Issue Date: August 18, 2009	:	
Application No. 12/181,905	:	ON PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. LMP114USA	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed June 9, 2010, under 37 CFR 3.81(b) to correct the name of the assignee on the front page of the above-identified patent by way of a Certificate of Correction.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent file is being forwarded to the Certificates of Correction Branch for issuance of the requested Certificate of Correction.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the Kimberly Inabinet at (571) 272-4618. Inquiries regarding the issuance of a certificate of correction should be directed to the Certificate of Correction Branch at (703) 305-8309.

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In re Application of
Hwang et al.
Application No. 12/181,928
Filed: July 29, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 1472-004002

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 30, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed August 18, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 19, 2008.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR
The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a sequence listing, filing fees and surcharge of $65 , (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the $1,175 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on March 30, 2009 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account as authorized.

This application file is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Alicia Kelley at (571) 272-6059. Telephone inquiries related to OPAP processing should be directed to their hotline at (271) 272-4000.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/181,929	:	ON PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. APX0004-201-US	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 4, 2009 , to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

The record shows that a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice) was mailed on August 8, 2008, which set a (2) month shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, a reply was due on or before October 8, 2008, or on or before March 8, 2009 with the submission of an extension of time fee pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Since the response was filed with an appropriate petition for extension of time on March 4, 2009, no abandonment existed.

In view of the above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.137 is unnecessary. The petition fee submitted with the present petition has been applied towards the $1,175 fee required for a five-month extension of time.

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

This application file is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further pre-examination processing using the declaration filed February 18, 2009.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Alicia Kelley at (571) 272-6059. Telephone inquiries related to OPAP processing should be directed to their hotline at (271) 272-4000.

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In re Application of:
LANGGOOD, JOHN K., et al.
Serial No.: 12/181,936
Filed: July 29, 2008

Title: **AUTOMATIC CLEANING OF USEABLE SURFACES OF A PORTABLE COMPUTER DEVICE**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 29, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II. items 5.2, 5.3, 6.2, and 6.3.

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement in item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: The search was too narrow. Search should have additionally included Class/subclass: 345/156, 168, and 204

Regarding the requirement in item 6.2 above, the Accelerated Examination Support Document is deficient because section 9(B) titled "Identification of Limitations Disclosed by References" provides reference only to claim 1 of the application with respect to each of the cited references. Claim 2 is never identified as having limitations that are disclosed by any of the references. Also, with respect to the Fagrenius et al reference, elements (h) – (k) are identified with respect to claim 1. However, claim 1 does not appear to include elements (h) – (k). The petition fails to identify <u>all of the limitations in each of the claims of the application</u> that are disclosed by each reference cited and <u>specifying where each limitation is disclosed by each cited reference</u> as required by item 6.2. Clarification is required.

Regarding the requirements of item 6.3, above, the Accelerated Examination Support Document is deficient because section 9(C) fails to provide a "detailed explanation of how ***each of the claims*** are patentable over each of the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c)" (emphasis added). Petitioner has provided an explanation of how independent claim 1 is patentable over each of the references cited. However, the petitioner fails to provide an explanation of how claim 2 is patentable over each of the references cited. Also, petitioner cites for each of the references cited, failure to disclose one or more of elements (g) – (k) in claim 1. However, claim 1 does not appear to include elements (g) – (k). Furthermore, with respect to the Gerber et al reference, only elements (g) – (k) are cited. Therefore, it is not clear why, if at all, is claim 1 patentable over the Gerber et al reference. Clarification is required.

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per items 5.2 and 5.3 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; a new Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any newly found prior art, and the Accelerated Examination Support Document must also be amended to include the necessary reference and discussion of any newly found and cited prior art in accordance with all of items 6 through 6.6 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of:
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Serial No.: 12/181,936
Filed: July 29th 2008
Attorney Docket No.: **RPS920080205US1**
Title: **AUTOMATIC CLEANING OF USEABLE SURFACES OF A PORTABLE COMPUTER DEVICE**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 6th 2008 requesting reconsideration to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

All of the requirements to correct the deficiencies outlined in the petition decision mailed September 4th 2008 have been met.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral

election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Application No. 12/181,982	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed December 22, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Sprinkle IP Law Group has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on January 29, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at 571-272-2991.

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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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In re Application of: Yasuhara Yamada et al. Serial No.: 12/181,983 Filed: July 29, 2008 Attorney Docket No.: JP920070179US2 Title: THERMAL ENHANCED PLASTIC BALL GRID ARRAY WITH HEAT SINK ATTACHMENT OPTION	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 29, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(a).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), M.P.E.P. §708.02(a) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

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6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists; and

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The application is eligible for the accelerated examination program as set forth in section I above.

The petition meets conditions II.1 through II.5; conditions II.6.1, II.6.2, II.6.4 and II.6.6 above. However, the petition does not meet conditions II.6.3 and II.6.5 above.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.3 above, the petition fails to include a detailed explanation of how the claim is patentable over the references cited with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and (c). The "Summary for Explanation of Patentability" indicates that "Some or all of the features in the table below are not taught by the above references, alone or in combination." Such statement is indefinite and does not make clear which feature(s) is not taught by the references. In order to provide a showing of patentability under 35 USC §102 with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and (c), the particular feature(s) that is (are) not taught by the above references must be identified. Furthermore, in order to satisfy the showing of patentability under 35 USC §103 with particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and (c), the detailed explanation should explain why the recitation of such feature(s) renders the claim patentable (unobvious) over the prior art under 35 USC §103. A proper detailed explanation of how the claim is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and (c) must include an explanation(s) of why the claim is believed to be patentable (unobvious) over the prior art under 35 USC §103.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.5 above, the accelerated examination support document is required to show where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each application for which benefit under title 35, United States Code, is claimed. The examination support document supplied by the petitioner, however, does not show where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in application Serial No. 12/039,555, for which benefit under title 35, United States Code, is claimed.

Accordingly, the petition does not meet conditions II.6.3 and II.6.5 for the reasons cited above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is available) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal

of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1638.

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In re Application of: Yasuharu Yamada et al. Serial No.: 12/181,983 Filed: July 29, 2008 Docket No.: JP920070179US2 Title: THERMAL ENHANCED PLASTIC BALL GRID ARRAY WITH HEAT SINK ATTACHMENT OPTION	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the revised petition filed on October 17, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

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   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
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8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1638.

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Mark A. Raymond et al.	:	
Application No. 12/182,023	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 50383-00035	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed July 30, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by attorney of record on applicant's behalf. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Upon completion of the pre-examination processing by the Office of Patent Application Processing, this application will be referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3749 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Kimberly Inabinet
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In re Application of	:	
Koh Ishigami et al	:	
Application No. 12/182,031	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. 02910.139059	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed April 21, 2010, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on March 3, 2010 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1795 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed IDS.

/Karen Creasy/
Karen Creasy
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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form* ***must*** *be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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In re Application of: David D. Chudy et al. Serial No.: 12/182,039 Filed: July 29, 2008 Docket No.: RPS920080206US1 Title: STRUCTURE FOR LOGICAL "OR" USING BALLISTICS TRANSISTOR TECHNOLOGY	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 29, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
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4. Time for Reply:
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5. Reply by Applicant:
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   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
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   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1638.

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Serial No.: 12/182,041
Filed: July 29, 2008
Docket: IN920090100US1/IBMSP026
Title: Method for Policy Based and Granular Approach to Role Based Access Control

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 29, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. The application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;
3. The application, at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention;
5. The petition must be filed with the application.

The application as filed is not eligible for the accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) because it is a utility application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a) and was not complete.

The Notice to file correct application papers mailed on August 5, 2008 is evidence that the application was not complete and in condition for examination at the time of filing.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is denied. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3612. If attempts to reach the undersigned are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh., Quality Assurance Specialist can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

/Tod Swann/

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Application No. 12/182,050	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 18BC-138084	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 25, 2009.

The request is **DISMISSED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on October 2, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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This is a decision on the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 to Receive Filing Date, filed October 17, 2008. The petition is properly treated under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(e).

The petition is granted.

The application was filed on July 29, 2008. On August 20, 2008, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application (hereinafter "Notice"), informing Applicant that the application had NOT been accorded a filing date because the application had been deposited without drawings.

Applicant responds with the instant petition and avers that drawings are not necessary for an understanding of the subject matter to be patented. Applicants have filed drawing Figures and request alternatively that the application be accorded as a filing date, the date that the drawings were filed.

A review of the file reveals that the specification contains method claims. As stated in MPEP § 601.01(f), it is the practice of the PTO to treat an application that contains at least one process, method or composition claim as an application for which a drawing is not necessary for an understanding of the invention under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).

MPEP § 601.01(f) also states that:

> A nonprovisional application having at least one claim, or a provisional application having at least some disclosure, directed to the subject matter discussed above for which a drawing is usually not considered essential for a filing date, describing drawing figure(s) in the specification, but filed without drawings will be treated as an application filed without all of the drawing figures referred to in the specification as discussed in

MPEP § 601.01(g), so long as the application contains something that can be construed as a written description.

This application contains method claims; therefore, the application should have been treated as an application filed without all of the drawing figures referred to in the specification as discussed in MPEP § 601.01(g).

In applications filed without all of the drawing figure(s) referred to in the specification, the MPEP § 601.01(g) states that a "Notice of Omitted Item(s)" is mailed indicating that the application has been accorded a filing date, but is lacking some of the figures of drawings described in the specification.

In view of the above, the Notice mailed August 20, 2008, was mailed in error and is hereby withdrawn.

Applicant should file an amendment prior to the first Office action on the merits canceling the reference to the drawings.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing of the Response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, with the filing date of July 29, 2008, and an indication that no drawings were present or required on filing.

A refund of the petition fee has been credited to Petitioner's credit card.

Telephone inquiries concerning this Decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571-272-3232.

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Filed: July 29, 2008
Attorney Docket No. PUA016US
For: PRINT ENGINE CONTROLLER HAVING CONTROLLER CIRCUITRY WITH AN OPEN ACTUATOR TEST CIRCUIT

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed on February 25, 2010, under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely submit a proper reply within three (3) months of the mailing of the March 5, 2009 non-final Office action. Applicants filed a terminal disclaimer and required fee on April 26, 2009 and an amendment and terminal disclaimer and required fee on September 30, 2009. However, applicants failed to purchase an extension of time being obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Therefore, this application became abandoned on June 6, 2009. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 29, 2010.

Applicants have submitted an amendment and two terminal disclaimers and require fees in reply to the March 5, 2009 non-final Office action, an acceptable statement of the unintentional nature of the delay in responding to the March 5, 2009 non-final Office action, and the $1,620.00 petition fee.

All of the requirements under 37 CFR 1.137(b) being met, the petition is granted.

After the mailing of this decision, the application will be returned to Technology Center AU 2853 for consideration of applicants' replies to the March 5, 2009 non-final Office action. It is noted that the terminal disclaimers have been approved.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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Marc E. Davis, et. al.	:	
Application No. 12/182,111	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 29, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW FROM
Attorney Docket No. 085804-716800	:	RECORD

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR §§ 1.36(b), or 10.40 filed March 25, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Robert A. Saltzberg and all the attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 76102 have been revoked by the assignee of the above application on April 21, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 CFR §§ 1.36(b) or 10.40 is moot.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the new correspondence address of record until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226.

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In re application of
Thomas J. Decker
Application No. 12/182,126
Filed: July 29 2008
For: ZIP TREE TIE

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR
NEW APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.102

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 29, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner;

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable expectation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-

function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The petition fails to comply with conditions I.3, above.

Because the application was filed without an oath or declaration, the application is considered to be incomplete under 37 CFR 1.51 as evidenced by the Notice of Missing Parts dated August 7, 2008.

Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure. Given the above failure of filing a complete application, which can not now be remedied, the petition has not been further reviewed on the merits.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn. Further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Teri P. Luu, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7045.

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In re Application of:
Bahar
Serial No.: 12/182,135
Filed: July 30, 2008
Docket: 6589-A-11
For: **Activation Code System and Method for Preventing Software Piracy**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 30, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
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5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

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6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I 1-4, II 1-4 and II 5.1, 5.3, II 6.1 – 6.4 and II 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II 5.2 and II 6.5 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and item II.5.2 above, the preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims, and does not appear to have given the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation.

Specifically, the text search strategy should be added to supplement the classified search performed. Here is an example search strategy that would complete this requirement.

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This strategy should or rough equivalent should be performed on a database that includes US Patents, US PG Pubs, Foreign Patents and Non Patent Literature.

Or is the default operator. Petitioner should review all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarifications if deemed necessary.

Finally, based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following class and subclasses is recommended in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: Class **726 Information Security** Subclasses 31-33 (Copy Control) for subject matter related to copy control. This additional search area was confirmed with an examiner in the pertinent art area.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(5) and item II.6.5 above, the preexamination support document fails to provide a showing of the 112 1st support for each and every claim feature for the applications that this application claims priority on. The discussion of the support with respect to the specification of this application is proper.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Tod Swann, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3612. A second point of contact is QAS Kim Huynh whose number is (571)-272-4147.

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Serial No.: 12/182,135
Filed: July 30, 2008
Docket: 6589-A-11
For: **Activation code System and Method for Preventing Software Privacy**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on December 1, 2008 supplemented on February 4, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on July 30, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on
October 30, 2008.

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED as the new Support Document filed 12/1/2008 and 2/4/2009 and the Pre-Examination Search Document filed 12/1/2008 meet the requirements of conditions II 5.2 and II 6.5.

The support document now provides a proper showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. The new Examination Search Document fulfills the search requirements and is now proper.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) as the original identified deficiencies for failing to comply with the requirements for the pre-examination search encompassing all of the features of the claims, and giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation, the statement of patentability must provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable and the concise statement of the utility must be of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (reference must be made to independent claims 1, 6 and 10) have been corrected.

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated

examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Tod Swann, Quality Assurance Specialist (QAS), at (571) 272-3612. A second point of contact is QAS Kim Huynh at (571)-272-4147

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 16, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a photocopy of applicant's driver's license. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center 3700 at 571-272-4050.

Upon completion of the pre-examination processing by the Office of Patent Application Processing, this application will be referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3724 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Filed: July 30, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 228083	:	PILOT PROGRAM
Title: WIND TURBINE BLADE TIP SHAPES		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 15, 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction

requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived. The petition lacks item(s) #1 and #5.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 416/223R) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

In regard to item 5, petitioner should note that the instant petition includes a statement identifying the basis for the special status (i.e., whether the instant invention (1) materially enhances the quality of the environment or materially contributes to (2) development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation, or (3) greenhouse gas reduction) as required by sections II and III of the notice. However, as stated in the notice, applicant must also provide a statement pertaining to the materiality standard if the application disclosure is not clear on its face as to the materiality of the basis for the special status of the invention. This petition lacks such a statement and it is not agreed that the application on its face meets that materiality standard. The statement provided fails to explain how the present invention materially contributes to the development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation.

Any reconsideration of this decision should be submitted through the USPTO electronic filing system, EFS-Web, and selecting the document description of "Petition for Green Tech Pilot" on the EFS-Web screen.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen at 571-272-4856. The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action in its regular turn.

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In re Application of	:	
KINZIE, KEVIN W. et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/182184	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: July 30, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 228083	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed June 21, 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth in 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009) and amended by 75 Federal Register Notice 28554 (May 21, 2010).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 2) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 3) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 4) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 8 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen at 571-272-4856.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re application of
Jeff David Thomas et al
Serial No. 12/182,234
Filed: July 30, 2008
For: LAYERED DISPOSABLE AIR FILTER WITH DUST CAPTURE TOPOLOGY

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 30, 2008 to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination program.

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner;

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions regarding the application (section I, subsections 1-4) discussed above are considered to have been met. Additionally, the conditions regarding the petition, section II, subsections 1-4 and 6, are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with condition II, subsection 5.

It appears that the search is incomplete. Note that a search in Class 55, subclasses 385.4 and 385.6 is also required, as the specification appears to imply that the filter's intended usage is as ventilation for a computer.

Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is dismissed. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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In re application of
Jeff David Thomas et al
Serial No. 12/182,234
Filed: July 30, 2008
For: LAYERED DISPOSABLE AIR FILTER WITH DUST CAPTURE TOPOLOGY

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the Request for Reconsideration of Petition to Make Special under the Accelerated Examination Program filed on November 10, 2008 to make the above-identified application special.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED.**

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance,. or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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Applicant	: Lee D. Whetsel	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of:
GIBBONS, STEPHEN A.
Serial No.: 12/182,366
Filed: July 30, 2008

Title: **REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR ADJUSTING A VOLUME LEVEL OF A TELEVISION**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 30, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

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5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

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6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II. items 5.2, 5.3, 6.2, and 6.3.

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement in item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: The search was too narrow. Search should have additionally included Class/subclass: 340/3.71, 825.22, 825.69, 825.72, 341/176, 398/106, 107, 455/352, 355 and 725/37, 38.

Regarding the requirements of item 6.3, above, the Accelerated Examination Support Document is deficient because section 9(C) fails to provide a "detailed explanation of how ***each of the claims*** are patentable over each of the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c)" (emphasis added). Petitioner has provided an explanation of how independent claim 1 is patentable over each of the references cited by indicating "all of the references identified above, alone or in combination fail to teach or suggest: 'the second microprocessor configured to access a partial mute volume multiplier value in a range of 40-60% from the memory device...'". However, the claim claims "a range of 10-90% from the memory device..."which is broader than what is being argued for patentability. Therefore, it is not clear why claim 1 is patentable over the above noted cited references. Clarification is required.

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per items 5.2 and 5.3 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; a new Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any newly found prior art, and the Accelerated Examination Support Document must also be amended to include the necessary reference and discussion of any newly found and cited prior art in accordance with all of items 6 through 6.6 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of:
GIBBONS
Serial No.: 12/182,366
Filed: July 30th 2008
Attorney Docket No.: **AU920080017US1**
Title: **REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR ADJUSTING A VOLUME LEVEL OF A TELEVISION**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 8th 2008 requesting reconsideration to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

All of the requirements to correct the deficiencies outlined in the petition decision mailed September 9th 2008 have been met.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral

election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of	:	
FULKERSON, JOHN et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/182,370	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: July 30, 2008	:	PCT/PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 37953-11300	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR EMBOLUS REMOVAL DURING ACUTE ISCHEMIC STROKE	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 6, 2010 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are GRANTED.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:
(1) The U.S. application must disclose an eligible relationship to one or more PCT applications filed in the JPO, EPO, KIPO or USPTO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the PCT application(s) latest international work product (the written opinion or the IPER) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the PCT application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of the latest international work product from the PCT application containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate; and
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the PCT examiner in the international work product along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications.

In light of the petition being properly submitted, the request to participate in the PPH program and the petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

The applicant is encouraged to cite and submit all relevant prior art references, if any, to facilitate examination in this application.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Anhtuan Nguyen, the SPE of Art Unit 3731, and 571-272-4963 for Class 606/200 and also accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application will be docketed to an examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen, at 571-272-4856.

The petition is **granted.**

/Henry C. Yuen/

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In re application of Koji Taguchi Application No.: 12/182,401 Filed: July 30, 2008 For: RUNNING PLAN CREATING APPARATUS	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed April 8, 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit a copy of the Office action from the JPO application just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" (e.g., the latest "Notification of Reasons for Refusal") from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claims that are the basis for the request along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program complies with the above requirements. Therefore, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Teri P. Luu at 571-272-7045. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Teri P. Luu/
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In re Application of	:	
Leanza, Anthony S.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/182,441	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: July 30, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. ASL-8687-US-ORD	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 1, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The request cannot be approved because no reasons for withdrawal have been provided. The Office cannot, at this time, determine whether practitioner's request is one of the mandatory or permissive reasons enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40.

Further, petitioner has not complied with current USPTO requirements, as set forth in 37 CFR 10.40 concerning Request for Withdrawal as Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address. Specifically, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40, the Office will require the practitioner(s) to certify that he, she or they have:

> (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the reply period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment;
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> (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and
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> (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond.

Petitioner has not complied with the above certifications. It is suggested that petitioner submit a properly completed PTO/SB/83 (effective date May 12, 2008), which provides a section wherein practitioners may certify the completion of the above-listed activities necessary for the request to withdraw from representation to be granted.

Finally, the Office strongly encourages practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal from representation as practitioner of record in an application to review the record to determine whether he or she is, in fact, of record and *how* he or she was made of record. For example, the practitioner(s) should determine whether he or she was appointed by naming each practitioner individually or through the use of a Customer Number. If the practitioner(s) was appointed by a specific designation, then the Request should ask that each specified practitioner be withdrawn and should list each practitioner(s) in the Request.

In the instant application, the practitioners were not appointed via Customer Number. Therefore, requesting to withdraw via Customer Number is not the appropriate course.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to above-listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant or a proper change of correspondence address have been submitted.

There is an outstanding Office action mailed January 25, 2005 that requires a reply. Failure to timely and properly do so will result in abandonment of the instant application.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Attorney Docket No. ASL-8687-US-ORD	:	

This is a decision on the second Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 11, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office will require the practitioner(s) to certify that he, she or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the reply period, which the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40 (c).

The request was signed by Barry L. Tummino on behalf of all attorneys/agents of record. All attorneys/agents have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first0named inventor, Anthony S. Leanza, at the address indicated below.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of: Ricardo S. Puig
Serial No: 12/182,490
Filed: July 30, 2008
Docket: AUS920080355US1(1963-8029)
Title: System and Method for Network Image Propagation without a Predefined Network

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 30, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

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   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

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   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
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If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Gail Hayes, Quality Assurance Specialist, (571) 272-3591.

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Application No. 12/182,521	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 30, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. GRDSP0390USB	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed April 9, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request cannot be approved because there is no clear indication that the act noted above at item (1) has been performed. An explanation in the Request states "the client instructed us to transfer responsibility to another firm." However, absent a proper power of attorney, the statement cannot be accepted as giving a reasonable notification to the client.

Further, the request cannot be approved because the attorneys of record were not appointed by registration numbers as indicated on the request.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

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Applicants: Saffell, et al.
Appl. No.: 12/182,573
Filing Date: July 30, 2008
Title: FLUE GAS ANALYSER
Attorney Docket: MNL-4851-16
Pub. No.: US 2009/0038962 A1
Pub. Date: February 12, 2009

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This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on April 9, 2009, for the above-identified application.

The request is granted.

The corrected patent application publication will be published in due course, unless the patent issues before the application is republished.

Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to Mark Polutta at (571) 272-7709.

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Application No. 12/182,612	:	DECISION
Filed: 30 July, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. TI-63694	:	

This is a decision on the petitions filed on 12 March, 2009, to revive an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) as having been abandoned due to unintentional delay.

The petition as considered under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

As to Allegations of
Unintentional Delay

The requirements of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) are the petition and fee therefor, a reply, a proper statement of unintentional delay under the regulation, and, where applicable, a terminal disclaimer and fee. (However, it does not appear that a terminal disclaimer and fee are due here.)

BACKGROUND

The record reflects as follows:

Former Counsel failed to reply timely and properly to the Notice to File Missing Parts (oath/declaration, surcharge) mailed on 14 August, 2008, with reply due absent extension of time on or before 14 October, 2008.

The application went abandoned after midnight 14 October, 2008.

It does not appear that the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment before a petition was filed.

On 12 March, 2009, Petitioner filed, *inter alia*, a petition (with fee) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) averring unintentional delay, a reply in the form of an oath/declaration and surcharge, and made the statement of unintentional delay.

The availability of applications and application papers online to applicants/practitioners who diligently associate their Customer Number with the respective application(s) now provides an applicant/practitioner on-demand information as to events/transactions in an application.

Out of an abundance of caution, Petitioners always are reminded that those registered to practice and all others who make representations before the Office **must** inquire into the underlying facts of representations made to the Office and support averments with the appropriate documentation–since all owe to the Office the continuing duty to disclose.[1]

STATUTES, REGULATIONS AND ANALYSIS

Congress has authorized the Commissioner to "revive an application if the delay is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioner to have been "unavoidable." 35 U.S.C. §133 (1994).[2]
The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.137(a) and (b) set forth the requirements for a Petitioner to revive a previously unavoidably or unintentionally, respectively, abandoned application under this congressional grant of authority.

Unintentional delays are those that do not satisfy the very strict statutory and regulatory requirements of unavoidable delay, and also, by definition, are not intentional.[3]))

As to Allegations of Unintentional Delay

It appears that the requirements under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) have been satisfied.

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[1] See supplement of 17 June, 1999. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting a statement made by Petitioner. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178, 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109)(applicant obligated under 37 C.F.R. §10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing statements to the Patent and Trademark Office).

[2] 35 U.S.C. §133 provides:

35 U.S.C. §133 Time for prosecuting application.
Upon failure of the applicant to prosecute the application within six months after any action therein, of which notice has been given or mailed to the applicant, or within such shorter time, not less than thirty days, as fixed by the Commissioner in such action, the application shall be regarded as abandoned by the parties thereto, unless it be shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that such delay was unavoidable.

[3] Therefore, by example, an unintentional delay in the reply might occur if the reply and transmittal form are to be prepared for shipment by the US Postal Service, but other pressing matters distract one's attention and the mail is not timely deposited for shipment.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) is **granted**.

The instant application is released to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further processing in due course.

Petitioner may find it beneficial to view Private PAIR within a fortnight of the instant decision to ensure that the revival has been acknowledged by the OPAP in response to this decision. It is noted that all inquiries with regard to that change in status need be directed to the OPAP where that change of status must be effected—that does not occur in the Office of Petitions.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214—it is noted, however, that all practice before the Office is in writing (see: 37 C.F.R. §1.2[4]) and the proper authority for action on any matter in this regard are the statutes (35 U.S.C.), regulations (37 C.F.R.) and the commentary on policy (MPEP). Therefore, no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's action(s).

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[4] The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.2 provide:
§1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.
All business with the Patent and Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 02/13/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/182,663	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 30, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 026570-000710US	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 13, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Lu Yin on behalf of all attorneys/agents associated with customer number 20350. All attorneys/agents associated with customer number 20350 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address has been changed and is copied below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

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In re Application of:
ANVER, AHAMED S., et al
Serial No.: 12/182,664
Filed: July 30, 2008

Title: **METHOD TO REDUCE POWER CONSUMPTION OF STATIC WIRELESS BEACONS AND COST OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 30, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II. items 5.2 and 5.3.

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement in item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: The search was too narrow. The following class/subclasses must also be searched.

455/343.1, 343.2, 522, 574
370/311, 318

The database search should also include the search string "power adj (conser$5 or consum$5) near6 beacon".

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of:
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Attorney Docket No.: **GB920080080US1 (3029)**
Title: **METHOD TO REDUCE POWER CONSUMPTION OF STATIC WIRELESS BEACONS AND COST OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 3, 2008 requesting reconsideration to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

All of the requirements to correct the deficiencies outlined in the petition decision mailed September 4, 2008 have been met.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral

election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of: TANIGUCHI, Susumu
Serial No.: **12/182,665**
Filed: July 30, 2008
Docket: JP920080094US1 1963-8050

Title: SYSTEM ACCESS LOG MONITORING AND REPORTING SYSTEM

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 30, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;
3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.
4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.
5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The pre-examination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. The pre-examination search must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify:

(1) each means-(or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and

(2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must

also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions [I. 1-4, II. 1-5, II. 5.3, and II. 6.1- 6.6] above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with the conditions [II. 5.1 and II. 5.2]. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP 708.02(a) VIII (C) or I (H), and item II. 5.1 above, the Pre-examination Search Document (PESD) must include: an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass and the date of the search, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file or files searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

For classification searches, MPEP §719.05 states that a classification search is defined as a complete search of ***all*** the documents in a particular subclass, and it is not limited by any text query or other means.

Field of Search identified as USPTO Classification search fails to identify the name of the file or files searched and the database service, and the date of the search. Petitioner indicates that "keyword searching was performed on various full-text databases", however, fails to identify the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, as required. Clarification/Correction is required.

More specifically, Petitioner is to identify which of whether U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature where involved in the (if applicable) "class alone" search mentioned above, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement.

The Petitioner is required to clarify whether the identified field of search (all subclasses of classes mentioned above comprising approximately **13,795** documents) were performed as required by the above-mention MPEP section (the identified classes and subclasses were searched in their entirety and not limited by any text query or other means); or if they were combined (i.e. the text search logic used was utilized in combination with the class/subclass), identify the logic and the combination of searches. Clarification is required.

Based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following class/subclass in <u>addition</u> to class/subclass listed in the preexamination search document are <u>recommended</u> in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found (including where the claimed subject matter has been classified):

U.S. Field of Search:

713/

170 - Authentication of an entity and a message
171 - Having key exchange

Regarding the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a)(I)(H)(2) and item II 5.2 above, the Petitioner's preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims, given the broadest reasonable interpretation.

Specifically, the pre-examination search strategy/logic conducted on May 5, 2007 does not encompass all of the features of the claims, namely, this search conducted on the PATBASE database, does not seem to encompass the following underlined claimed features:

issuing authentication information from the application server if the access is approved, the authentication information including at least a public key and a private key;

encrypting the original authentication value with said public key;

decrypting said stored encrypted original authentication value with said private key to obtain said original authentication value;

It is noted that the text search logic performed on the PATBASE on June 30, 2008 shown on pages 4-5 of the pre-examination search document does not encompass the claimed above-mentioned features. More specifically, the underlined supra feature(s) is/are not present in any of the searches performed and set forth in the PESD.

It is noted that these features have been identified as key features in the Detailed Explanation of Patentability statement by applicant to distinguishing the instant claimed subject matter from the cited prior art references deemed most closely related to the claimed invention in the Examination Support Document. Since the search logic does not include the relevant search terms mentioned above, the alleged patentable features and concept appear to have not been searched.

The Petitioner is advised to review the all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure the pre-examination search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarification for the deficiencies identified above if deemed necessary. Correction is required.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a)(I)(H)(2) and item II 5.2 above, the pre-examination search (PREX SRCH) must: be directed to the instant claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claim the broadest reasonable interpretation.

The search logic does not seems to include the inventive concept or features included in the claim language that covers the subject matter of the claims using terms recognized in the art given their broadest reasonable interpretation. The search should

consider individual features by themselves and combinations of features. The search should cover the **broadest scope** encompassed by the claims **as well as** claims of **narrow and intermediate breadth**. See example of suggested term(s) below.

The text search query reported by the Petitioner fails for its lack of depth and breadth to cover all of the concepts the claims recite. The text search query fails for lack of inclusion of applicable/alternative search/key terms, and their synonyms, use of proper proximity operators, and truncation characters, as used in the claims of the invention.

Here is an exemplarily search strategy that would depth and breadth to cover all concepts the claims and intended to **supplement** Petitioner's text search set forth on the preexamination search document in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found:

L1 *((public private) with (key token certificate ticket) with (authenticat$4 authoriz$6 validat$4)) or ((issu$4 generat$4 creat$4) with (key token certificate ticket))*

L2 *(comput$4 calculat$4 hash$4 digest) with (data value original)*

L3 *(encrypt$4 decrypt$4) with (key token certificate ticket)*

L4 *(monitor$4 detect$4) with tamper$4 with (key token certificate ticket)*

L5 *(L1 L2 L3) and L4*

L6 *(L1 and L2 and L3) and L4*

L7 *((L1 L2) and L3) or (L1 and (L2 L3)) or (L3 and L4)*

Default proximity operator is "OR", other proximity operators used in EAST are: "adj", "near", "with", "same".

Note that the above list of terms and synonyms are not meant to be an exhaustive list, merely an example of various terms and synonyms that can be used to produce a more comprehensive prior art search. Nor these examples are limited only to those sets of search terms provide; each search term used should be evaluated for applicable synonyms. Additionally, searches utilizing other databases should be modified to include the above-mentioned terms and synonyms.

These text search strategies should be added to supplement the classified search performed. It should be noted that it is rare that a text search alone would be considered a complete search strategy (MPEP §904.02). A recommended search strategy is a couple of the most relevant subclasses, searched by themselves, viewing each document or combined in a text search with a few relevant terms. A larger subset of subclasses can be combined with more search terms.

These strategies should (or rough equivalent thereof) be preformed on a database that includes US Patents, US PG Pubs, Foreign Patents and Non Patent Literature.

Petitioner should review all claim limitation, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarification if deemed necessary.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3612.

If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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In re Application of:
Susumu Taniguchi
Serial No.: 12/182,665
Filed: July 30, 2008
Docket: JP920080094US1 1963-8050
For: **System Access Log Monitoring And Reporting System**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on March 2, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on July 30, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on February 02, 2009.

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED as the revised Pre-Examination Search Document meet the requirements of condition II 5.1 and II 5.2.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) as the original identified deficiencies for failing to comply with the requirements for the pre-examination search encompassing all of the features of the claims, and giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation, the statement of patentability must provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable and the concise statement of the utility must be of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (reference must be made to independent claim 1) have been corrected.

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this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Tod Swann, Quality Assurance Specialist (QAS), at (571) 272-3612. A second point of contact is QAS Kim Huynh at (571)-272-4147

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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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In re Application of:
DONOHO, ANDREW WARD
Serial No.: 12/182,695
Filed: July 30, 2008
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In re Application of	:	
Eric Matthew Green, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/182,700	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 30, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 08065879	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed April 22, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Joseph A. Mahoney on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first named inventor Eric Matthew Green at the address indicated below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at 571-272-2991.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 04/22/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of:
DONOHO, ANDREW WARD
Serial No.: 12/182,721
Filed: July 30, 2008
Attorney Docket number: **2008_0898A**
Title: **METHOD OF USING A VIDEO CONFERENCING SYSTEM INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO 2-DIMENSIONAL DISPLAY SCREENS TO IMPLEMENT A COMMON VIRTUAL SURFACE**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 30, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II, items 5.2, and 5.3.

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement in item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: The US field of search and database searches which are to be provided under section 8(A) are not sufficient. In addition to the search areas provided, applicant would also need to search the following class/subclasses:
345/1.1, 1.3.

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per item 5.1 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; a new Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any newly found prior art, and the Accelerated Examination Support Document must also be amended to include the necessary reference and discussion of any newly found and cited prior art in accordance with all of items 6 through 6.6 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

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The petition for reconsideration to make the application special filed May 26, 2009 is **GRANTED**.

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MURAKAMI, NOBUYUKI		DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/182,737	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: July 30, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. Q108631	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 30, 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
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(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition is deficient as follows:

Petitioner has not complied with item 5 above in that the petition fails to include a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO applications containing the allowable/patentable claims along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the translation is accurate. The Request for Participation in the PPH Program indicates that the copies of the office actions are to be attached.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Any response must be submitted via EFS-web.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kenneth Wieder at 571-272-2986.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

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In re Application of MURAKAMI, NOBUYUKI Application No. 12/182,737 Filed: July 30, 2008 Attorney Docket No. Q108631	: : : : : :	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 30, 2008 and October 23, 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kenneth Wieder at 571-272-2986.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, BACKUP DEVICE AND INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed August 28, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application is
(a) a Paris Convention application which either
(i) validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims,

Or

(b) a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
(i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
(iii) contains no priority claim,

Or

(c) a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111 (a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
(i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or

(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
(iii) contains no priority claim.

Where the JPO application that contains the allowable/patentable claims is not the same application for which priority is claimed in the U.S. application, applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application that contains the allowable/patentable claims and the JPO priority application claimed in the U.S. application.

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of:
a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) Applicant must:
a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit:
a. Documentation of prior office action:
i. a copy of the office action(s)just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;

Further, if a copy of the documents from a or b above is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy; b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit:
a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition are found to comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of: DONOHO, ANDREW WARD Serial No.: 12/182,767 Filed: July 30, 2008 Docket: 2008-0899A Title: METHOD OF USING A FOVEA TYPE POINTER IN A VIDEO CONFERENCING SYSTEM INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO 2-DIMENSIONAL DISPLAY SCREENS FORMING A COMMON VIRTUAL SURFACE	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 30, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I.1–I.4, II.5.1, II.5.3, II.6.1, II.6.4 and II.6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II.5.2, II.6.2, II.6.3, and II.6.5 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and items II.5.2 above, the preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims.

With respect to the database searches, the claim limitations some of which have been identified as patentable features distinguishing the claimed invention from the cited prior art (such as *revealing a hidden panel in relation to the image displayed on the common virtual surface that is formed from (i) the first 2-dimensional display screen at the location of the first participant and (ii) a second 2-dimensional display screen at a location of the second participant. . .pivoting the image displayed on the common virtual surface that is formed from (i) the first 2-dimensional display screen. . .and (ii) the second 2-dimensional display screen. . .such that the image displayed on the common virtual surface is pivoted in a 3-dimentional manner, etc)* or any search terms covering these limitations do not appear to have been included in the search. Petitioner should review all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarifications if deemed necessary.

With respect to the search logic identified, and in particular with respect to the instant claim, the text search appears to be incomplete. It is recommended that the following search terms be included in an updated search. Such example search terms (shown below) should be searched in singular or in combination:

((display screen "viewing area") with (pivot$4 flip$4 axis revolv$4 rotat$3 orbit$3)) and (video with (conferenc$3 collaborat$3 meet$3))

(flip$4 option pivot$4 rotat$3 orbit$3 revolv$4 axis) and (("2D" "2" two) adj dimension$2) and (("3D" "3" three) adj dimension$2) and (video with (conferenc$3 collaborat$3))

(virtual same (environment space surface)) and ((("2D" "2" two) adj dimension$2) with (display screen)) and ((("3D" "3" three) adj dimension$2) with image) and (flip$4 option pivot$4 rotat$3 orbit$3 revolv$4 axis)

(fovea gesture$3 blur$4 hazy fog obscur$3 dim$4 cloud$3) and (video same (conferenc$3 collaborat$3)) and (("2d" "2" two) with dimension$3) and (("3d" "3" three) with dimension$3)

Finally, the following databases should have been included in the search documents:

ACM
IEEE

The additional search recommendations were confirmed with and recommended by a (primary) examiner in the pertinent art area.

The petitioner should review the Detailed Explanation of Patentability section in view of any updated search and/or clarifications and provide clarifications, as necessary, to ensure compliance with the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item 6.3 above.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(2) and item 6.2 above, the Petitioner should provide an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. With respect to limitation (d), the Petitioner states the underlined portion of the limitation is disclosed in Marmolin; however, no portion of limitation (d) is underlined. Therefore, it is not clear which portion of limitation (d) is taught by the cited portions in Marmolin. Clarification is required.

Further, with respect to limitation (e), the underlined portion on the bottom of page 4 and continuing through page 5 recites, *a previously visible portion of the image pivots in relation to the appearance of the new portion of the displayed image or associated with <u>the displayed image</u>*. The limitation appears to be incorrectly recited as the term "displayed image" (as underlined) should read "new image" as recited in the claim. Correction is required.

Additionally, the Beck (US 7,227,567) reference is not discussed in section 9B, but has been cited in section 9A. It is not clear if Beck teaches any of the limitations of claim 1. Clarification is required.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item 6.3 above, Petitioner fails to provide a detailed explanation of how the claim is patentable over any of the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Specifically, Petitioner should ensure that the above discussion is directed to how the language of the claim is **specifically** distinguishable and patentable from each of the references provided in requirement 6.1 above, ***rather than to repeat essentially the entirety of the claim***. The office cannot infer or guess what Petitioner believes the differences between the claim and the teaching of the prior art to be. Furthermore, it would be difficult to conclude that the pre-examination search was directed to the claimed invention if essentially none of the claimed limitations were found in the prior art deemed "most closely related" by Petitioner. Clarification is required.

Further, with respect to item 6.3 above, the Petitioner states none of the references teach features (a)-(f); however, in section 9B, the Petitioner states that certain portions of limitations (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) are taught by the references. Therefore, it is not clear which portions of the limitations are taught by the cited references as the Petitioner states all portions of all the limitations are not taught by the cited references. Clarification is required.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(5) and item 6.5 above, the Petitioner should provide a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. Specifically the figures and paragraphs of the Specification cited with respect to the preamble and limitation (a) of claim 1 do not appear to support the features. For example, it is not clear how figures 1a-1c support the

portion of the preamble reciting, *the common virtual surface being formed from the at least two 2-dimensional display screens and being utilized as a 3-dimentional multi-way rocker for pivoting an image displayed on the common virtual surface in a 3-dimentional manner.* Further it is not clear how figure 1c supports the portion of the preamble reciting, *each edge portion being designated as a respective rocker edge portion, and each edge portion being designated as at least one of a pivot portion and a panel portion.* With respect to limitation (a), it is not clear how figure 2 or paragraph [0005] supports, *exploiting a first rocker edge portion of the common virtual space from a first 2-dimensional display screen at a location of a first participant by controlling the fovea type pointer to interact with the first rocker edge portion.* Correction is required.

Thus, the petition does not meet the conditions II.5.2, II.6.2, II.6.3, and II.6.5 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3595.

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In re Application of:
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DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the revised petition filed on March 13, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the

examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3719.

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In re Application of: Shigeru Fukazawa
Application No. 12182789
Filed: July 30, 2008
For: PRESENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

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This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed November 17, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

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The request to participate in the PPH program and petition are found to comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Hassan Kizou at 571-272-3088

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Papadopoulos et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/182,845	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: July 30, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 1941.010US2	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed June 22, 2009 and July 31, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office will require the practitioner(s) to certify that he, she or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the reply period, which the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40 (c).

The request was signed by Monique M. Shonka on behalf of all attorneys/agents of record who are associated with Customer Number 21186. All attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 21186 have been withdrawn. Applicants are reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first-named inventor, Vassilios Papadopoulos, at the address indicated below.

There is an outstanding Office action mailed November 10, 2009 which requires a reply. Failure to timely and properly do so will result in abandonment of the instant application.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of	:	
Shyam K. **GUPTA**	:	
Application No. 12/182,864	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 30, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No.	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed January 29, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by Shyam Gupta, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1621 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Tredelle D. Jackson
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In re Application of	:	DECISION ON
MARTIN et al	:	
Application No.: 12/182,881	:	
Filing Date: 30 January 2008	:	PETITION UNDER
Attorney's Docket No.: 67987.000009	:	
For: Use of 15-Lipoxygenase inhibitors for	:	
treating obesity	:	37 CFR 1.182

This is response to applicants' "REPLY TO RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT AND REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT" filed on 02 September 2009 which is being treated as a petition under 1.182 to change the application type from 35 USC 111(a) to 35 USC 35 USC 371 electronically filed via EFS-WEB on 30 July 2009. The appropriate petition fee of $400.00 set forth in §1.17(f) has been charged to petitioner's Deposit Account No.: 50-0206.

BACKGROUND

On 30 July 2008, applicants electronically filed via EFS-WEB the aforementioned application as a utility application rather than a national stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371. The Electronic Acknowledgment Receipt issued at the time of filing identified the application as a Utility application. As a result, the application was processed as a filing under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) because it was electronically submitted as a "Utility under 35 USC 111(a)," rather than a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371.

On 02 September 2009, applicants filed the instant petition to convert the above application filed under 35 USC §111(a) to a national stage application filed under 35 USC §371 and for the USPTO to issue a corrected filing receipt.

DISCUSSION

The USPTO has adopted a bright-line test for determining whether application papers will be processed under 35 U.S.C. 371 or alternatively under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). Under this standard, any intended filing of an international application as a national stage application must clearly and unambiguously be identified as such and must satisfy all of the conditions set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(c). The official USPTO Notice published in the

Official Gazette at 1077 OG 13 entitled "Minimum Requirements for Acceptance of Applications Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (the National Stage of PCT)" states, in part, the following:

> The Patent and Trademark Office is continuing to receive application papers which do not clearly identify whether the papers (1) are being submitted to enter the national stage of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) under 35 U.S.C. 371 or (2) are being filed as a regular national application under 35 U.S.C. 111. . . . <u>If there are any conflicting instructions as to which sections of the statute (371 or 111) is intended the application will be accepted under 35 U.S.C. 111</u>. (Emphasis added.)

Moreover, section 1893.03(a) of the MPEP states that:

> If there are any conflicting instructions as to whether the filing is under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) or 35 U.S.C. 371, the application will be accepted as filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

U.S. statutes and regulations do not make specific provision for the requested conversion and as such the Office does not grant such petitions for conversion as a mere matter of course. The Office will only grant such petitions upon a showing by applicant of sufficient cause (e.g., the loss of patent rights) where no other remedy is available. In the present case, petitioner has failed to make such a showing. Petitioner is advised that because international application PCT/FR2007 /050711 designated the United States, the present application may be treated as a continuation of international application PCT/FR2007/050711, with no loss of priority rights, if the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 120 are met. See MPEP 1895.

Petitioner states that the Preliminary Amendment identifies the application as a national state application of PCT/FR2007/050711, and the Transmittal letter (form PTO-1390), and the Application Data Sheet submitted with the application also notes a national stage filing. Petitioner also states that, "during the electronic filing process, Applicnats inadvertently selected "Nonprovisional Application under 35 USC 111(a), under the Select Type of New Application-Utility." As a result, petitioner has fulfilled the requirements for national stage processing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

However, any intended filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 as a national stage application must clearly and unambiguously be identified as such, otherwise the submission will be treated as being filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). Note 37 CFR 1.494(f), 1.495(g) and MPEP 1893.03(a).

At time of filing this application, petitioner had the ability to file the application under 371 by clicking on the 371 radio button in EFS-WEB but that choice was not selected. Rather, applicant selected the radio button that identifies the application as a "Utility under 35 USC 111(a)" application as evidenced by the Electronic Acknowledgment Receipt. As a result, petitioner's selection of the application during the electronic filing process as a utility application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and the paperwork including the preliminary amendment referring to the application as a national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 is a conflicting instruction. Consequently, this is not consistent with the intent to a file a U.S. national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371. Therefore the application was properly treated as a utility application under 35 U.S.C. 111 (a) (37 CFR 1.495(g)).

Moreover, in the present petition applicants have not made a showing that any loss of grant rights would occur if the above-captioned application remains a filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). Accordingly, applicants have not established sufficient cause for conversion from a 35 U.S.C. 111(a) application to an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371. As a result, the aforementioned application was properly processed by the Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

Petitioner, however, is entitled to claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 and 365(c) of the filing date of the international application for the common subject matter, because this application (Serial No. 12/182,881) and the international application (PCT/FR2007/050711) designating the United States were copending on 30 July 2008. However, petitioner must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.78(a) for claiming benefit to the international application

In addition, petitioner is reminded that in order to perfect the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, applicant must submit a certified copy of the priority document. The certified copy of priority document submitted to the International Bureau cannot be relied upon to perfect the claim for priority. See MPEP § 1896.

Petitioner's request to have the application treated as a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 is dismissed.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is **DISMISSED.**

If reconsideration on the merits of this petition is desired, a proper reply must be filed within **TWO (2) MONTHS** form the mail date of this decision. Any reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182."

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter may be filed electronically via EFS-Web selecting the document description "Petition for review and processing by the PCT Legal Office" or by mail addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

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In re Application of: NAKAMURA et al.
Application No. 12/182,889
Filed: July 30, 2008
For: SECURITY POLICY GENERATION

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 31, 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition are found to comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Mano Padmanabhan/

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In re Application of	:	
Denise Richards	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/182,924	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: July 30, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. Richards-Camisphere	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 17, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Office will require the practitioner(s) to certify that he, she or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the reply period, which the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40 (c).

The current request does not set forth the following certifications: (2) and (3) above. Accordingly, any subsequent requests must include all of the above listed certifications pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to above-listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant or a proper change of correspondence address have been submitted.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6059.

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In re Application of	:	
Chaz Haba	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/182,949	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: July 30, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 120085-010500	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 18, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office will require the practitioner(s) to certify that he, she or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the reply period, which the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40 (c).

The request was signed by Cynthia A. Dixon on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 33717.

All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 33717 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address of record remains unchanged.

Currently, there is an outstanding Office action mailed November 20, 2009 that requires a reply.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7751. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of	:	
Daniel G. GELLERT	:	
Application No. 12/182,962	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 30, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 5175-001 US	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed December 19, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a declaration statement signed by the applicant. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center at 571-272-3600.

The application is being returned to Technology Center Art Unit 3661 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Applicant	: Alex Crumlin	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7635280	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 12/22/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/182,976	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 07/30/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of	:
Wai Ho Mow et al.	:
Application No. 12/183,005	: DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Filed: July 30, 2008	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. **TTC.TP-WSMC.012-US01**	:

This is in response to the petition filed July 30, 2008 under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to respond, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any response should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" and may include an oath or declaration executed by the inventor. **Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed on July 30, 2008 and with the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a). The Oath submitted upon application is signed by joint inventor Wai Ho Mow but not by joint inventor Jianhua Sun. The petition argues that sending the application papers to three different email addresses and to a physical address via FEDEX, the delivery of which was rejected as undeliverable, Inventor Jianhua Sun's whereabouts are unknown.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee; and

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The present petition lacks items (1).

While petitioners have shown that the application papers were mailed to non-signing inventor Sun but that the package has been returned undeliverable, petitioners have not shown however that diligent efforts have been made to locate the non-signing inventor.[1]

Petitioners must provide details, in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person with first hand knowledge of the details, of the additional efforts to locate joint inventor Sun such as Internet, e-mail, or telephone directory searches, which have been undertaken to locate him, send or give a copy of the application papers to him, and request that he sign and return the declaration. If repeated attempts to contact the non-signing inventor by telephone, mail, and e-mail, are unsuccessful, petitioners will have established that he cannot be found despite diligent efforts.

If joint inventor Sun refuses in writing to sign the declaration, petitioners should provide a copy of that written refusal with any renewed petition. If a verbal refusal to sign is made to a person, details should be given in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person having first hand knowledge of the facts of refusal.

The fee in the amount of $200for the petition under 37 CFR 1.47 has been charged to deposit account no. 50-1063 as per the authorization included with the petition.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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[1] MPEP 409.03(d).

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In re Application of	:
Wai Ho Mow et al.	:
Application No. 12/183,005	: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: July 30, 2008	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. **TTC.TP-WSMC.012-US01**	:

This decision is in response to the request for reconsideration filed November 26, 2008 under 37 CFR 1.47(a)[1].

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on July 30, 2008 with a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a). The Oath submitted upon application was signed by joint inventor Wai Ho Mow but not by joint inventor Jianhua Sun. The petition argued that after sending the application papers to three different email addresses and to a physical address via FEDEX, the delivery of which was rejected as undeliverable, joint inventor Jianhua Sun's whereabouts were unknown. The petition was dismissed in a decision dated September 30, 2008 because sufficient evidence was not provided to prove that petitioners had been diligent in trying to locate joint inventor Jianhua Sun.[2]

In response to the decision dismissing the petition filed July 30, 2008, the request for reconsideration bears proof that additional efforts were undertaken to locate the non-

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[1]A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee;

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

[2]MPEP 409.03(d).

signing inventor but those efforts were unsuccessful. The evidence is therefore sufficient to establish diligence as required by the regulation.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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In re Application of	:
Hyun Bo Choi	:
Application No. 12/183,043	: DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: July 30, 2008	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6)
Attorney Docket No. 2060-3666	:

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6), filed October 7, 2009, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) for the benefit of prior-filed provisional Application No. 60/952,658, filed July 30, 2007, as set forth in the concurrently filed amendment.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and must be filed during the pendency of the nonprovisional application. In addition, the petition must be accompanied by:

> **(1)** the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(i) to the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
> **(2)** the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
> **(3)** a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The instant nonprovisional application was filed after November 29, 2000, and the claim herein for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed provisional application is submitted after expiration of the period specified by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii). Therefore, this is a proper petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6).

The instant nonprovisional application was pending at the time of filing of the reference to the prior-filed provisional Application No. 60/952,658 filed on July 30, 2007 , as required by 37 1.78(a)(5)(iii).

The petition complies with the requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) in that (1) a reference to the above-noted, prior-filed provisional application has been included in an amendment to the first sentence of the specification following the title, as provided by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(iii); (2) the surcharge fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(t) has been submitted; and (3) the petition contains a proper statement of

unintentional delay. Accordingly, having found that the instant petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to the above-noted, prior-filed provisional application satisfies the conditions of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6), the petition is granted.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) should not be construed as meaning that the instant application is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the prior-filed application. In order for the instant application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the instant application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed provisional application, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to Joan Olszewski at (571) 272-7751. Any other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt

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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 12/183,043**

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Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

MOBILE TERMINAL USING TOUCH SCREEN AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME

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In re Application of	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
NAGATOMO et al.	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Application No.: 12/183,122	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Filed: 31 July 2008	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: 03500.151462.	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: STRUCTURE HAVING	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**
PHOTONIC CRYSTAL AND	
SURFACE-EMITTING LASER	

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 19 April 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Discussion

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

1. The U.S. application is

    a. a Paris Convention application which either
        i. validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or

    b. a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
        iii. contains no priority claim, or

    c. a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or

ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
iii. contains no priority claim;

2. Applicant must submit a copy of:
   a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s);
   b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
3. Applicant must:
   a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
   b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;
4. Examination of the U.S. application has <u>not</u> begun;
5. Applicant must submit:
   a. Documentation of prior office action:
      i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
      ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
      iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;
   b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
6. Applicant must submit:
   a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
   b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);
7. The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html.

This application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision once a formality review is completed.

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In re Application of	:	
Hamilton et al.	:	
Application No. 12/183,137	:	ON PETITION
Deposited: July 31, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 5922R2CC3	:	

This is a decision on the "Petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a)(3) to Accept Inadvertently Omitted Drawing," filed August 22, 2008.

For the reasons stated herein, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioners are given **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this decision to correct the below-noted deficiencies, including supplying an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.57 and 37 CFR 1.121 or otherwise, properly respond.[1] This period is not extendable. See 37 CFR 1.181(f). The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.57(a)."

Petitioners deposited the application papers on July 31, 2008. On August 11, 2008, the Office mailed a "NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION" stating that the application had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without drawings.

[1] The Office notes that 37 CFR 1.33(b) requires that amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27(c)(2)(ii), filed in an application must be signed by an appropriate party. Therefore, an amendment submitted after the filing of an application must be signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33(b).

On August 22, 2008, petitioners submitted the present petition, the $400.00 petition fee, a copy of the inadvertently omitted drawings (6 sheets), and an identification of where the inadvertently omitted drawings could be found in the prior-filed application. Petitioners assert that they inadvertently omitted the drawings upon filing the present application and request entry of the amendment to include the drawings based on the incorporation by reference of the prior-filed nonprovisional application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57.

37 CFR § 1.57 provides that:

> (a) Subject to the conditions and requirements of this paragraph, if all or a portion of the specification or drawing(s) is inadvertently omitted from an application, but the application contains a claim under § 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under § 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application, that was present on the filing date of the application, and the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) is completely contained in the prior-filed application, the claim under § 1.55 or § 1.78 shall also be considered an incorporation by reference of the prior-filed application as to the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s).
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> > (1) The application must be amended to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) within any time period set by the Office, but in no case later than the close of prosecution as defined by § 1.114(b), or abandonment of the application, whichever occurs earlier. The applicant is also required to:
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> > (i) Supply a copy of the prior-filed application, except where the prior-filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111;
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> > (ii) Supply an English language translation of any prior-filed application that is in a language other than English; and

> (iii) Identify where the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawings can be found in the prior-filed application.
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> (3) If an application is not otherwise entitled to a filing date under § 1.53(b), the amendment must be by way of a petition pursuant to this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(f).

The present application was deposited after September 21, 2004, and thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.57(a) are applicable. Petitioners assert that the application, as deposited on July 31, 2008, included a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of Application No. 11/490,699, filed July 21, 2006. Further, petitioners state that the inadvertently omitted drawings are completely contained in Application No. 11/490,699 as an attachment to the specification after the abstract on page 48.

A review of the present application, as deposited on July 31, 2008, confirms that it included a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of the prior-filed nonprovisional application. However, the amendment to add the inadvertently omitted drawings does not comply with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 37 CFR 1.121 because it is physically part of the petition, rather than commencing on a separate sheet. See also 37 CFR 1.52.

In view thereof, the petition must be **dismissed**.

Further correspondence with respect to this decision should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Christina Tartera Donnell, Senior Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3211.

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This is a decision on the "RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.57(a)(3)" filed November 6, 2008.

Petitioners deposited the application papers on July 31, 2008. On August 11, 2008, the Office mailed a "NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION" stating that the application had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without drawings.

On August 22, 2008, petitioners submitted a petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a), the $400.00 petition fee, a copy of the inadvertently omitted drawings (6 sheets), and an identification of where the inadvertently omitted drawings could be found in the prior-filed application.

In the original petition, petitioners asserted that they inadvertently omitted the drawings upon filing the present application and requested entry of an amendment to include the drawings based on the incorporation by reference of the prior-filed nonprovisional application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57. Petitioners indicated that the application, as deposited on July 31, 2008, included a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of Application No. 11/490,699, filed July 21, 2006. Further, petitioners stated that the inadvertently omitted drawings are completely contained in Application No. 11/490,699 as an

attachment to the specification after the abstract on page 48. However, petitioners submitted an amendment to add the inadvertently omitted drawings that did comply with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 37 CFR 1.121 because it was physically part of the petition, rather than commencing on a separate sheet. Accordingly, the petition failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and was dismissed by the decision of October 24, 2008. On November 6, 2008, petitioners submitted the present renewed petition.

37 CFR § 1.57 provides that:

> (a) Subject to the conditions and requirements of this paragraph, if all or a portion of the specification or drawing(s) is inadvertently omitted from an application, but the application contains a claim under § 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under § 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application, that was present on the filing date of the application, and the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) is completely contained in the prior-filed application, the claim under § 1.55 or § 1.78 shall also be considered an incorporation by reference of the prior-filed application as to the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s).
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> > (1) The application must be amended to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) within any time period set by the Office, but in no case later than the close of prosecution as defined by § 1.114(b), or abandonment of the application, whichever occurs earlier. The applicant is also required to:
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> (iii) Identify where the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawings can be found in the prior-filed application.
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> (3) If an application is not otherwise entitled to a filing date under § 1.53(b), the amendment must be by way of a petition pursuant to this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(f).

The present application was deposited after September 21, 2004, and thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.57(a) are applicable. A review of record confirms that the application, as deposited on July 31, 2008, included a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of the prior-filed nonprovisional application. Furthermore, on renewed petition, petitioners submitted a Preliminary Amendment, amending the application to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawings.

Petitioners have met all of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.57(a). Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a), the claim under 37 CFR 1.78 is considered an incorporation by reference of the prior-filed application as to the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawings. In view thereof, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing to **accord the application a filing date of July 31, 2008**, as an application claiming the benefit of prior-filed Application No. 11/490,699 filed July 21, 2006, including the copy of the drawings from the prior-filed nonprovisional application supplied on August 22, 2008.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Christina Tartera Donnell, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3211.

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Applicant	: Akira Nishibe	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

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Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re application of
Sastry S. Duri et al
Serial No. 12/183,254
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For: ENERGY EFFICIENT DISHWASHING

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination program.

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner;

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions regarding the application (section I, subsections 1-4) discussed above are considered to have been met. Additionally, the conditions regarding the petition, section II, subsections 1-4 and 6, are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with condition II, subsection 5.

It appears that the search is incomplete. Note that a search in Class 134, subclass 200 is also required.

Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is dismissed. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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This is a decision on the Request for Reconsideration of Petition to Make Special under the Accelerated Examination Program filed on November 17, 2008 to make the above-identified application special.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED.**

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and

arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office.

In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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In re Application of: WILSON, JEFFREY et al. Serial No.: 12/183,255 Filed: July 31, 2008 Docket: AUS920080447US1 (8024) Title: WEB PAGE PUSH TO NEW WINDOW	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
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The preexamination search must:

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6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

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6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

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6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I.1–I.4, II.5.3, II.6.1, II.6.4, II.6.5 and II.6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II.5.1, II.5.2, II.6.2 and II.6.3 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and item 5.1 above, the Petitioner must include an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass and the date of the search. Although the Petitioner has provided an identification of the field of search by US class and subclass, the Petitioner has not provided the date of the classification search. Correction is required.

Further, the preexamination search should identify the field of search by U.S. class and subclass. Petitioner has listed classes 715/234, 760, 777 and 345/E17.118, E17.121, E17.127 under the U.S. field of search, however, it is not clear whether a complete classification search of each class and subclass was conducted or if the search for these classes was limited by any text query or a set of text queries as it appears in the Database Search section of the preexamination search document on pages 2-3. It is noted that listing only class/subclasses searched will be taken as representation by the petitioner that each of the patent documents classified under each class/subclass listed in section 8(A) was reviewed in its entirely for subject matter relevant to the claimed invention. Petitioner is requested to provide clarification as to whether a limited classification search was conducted, and if so, clearly indicate the limitation in the preexamination search statement by using an appropriate annotation after the class and subclass, for example, 715/234 (text search only – see search logic).

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and items II.5.2 above, the preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims.

The PATBASE database search appears to be narrowed to the title, abstract, and claims. It is recommended the Petitioner include the entire text of the patent documents in the search and not limit the search to the title, abstract, and claims of the documents. Correction is required.

With respect to the database searches, the claim limitations some of which have been identified as patentable features distinguishing the claimed invention from the cited prior art (such as "receiving a user command to display a second view in the first tabbed internet browser window, said second view generated from a data source having a second view data", "displaying the second view in the first tabbed internet browser window", and "loading the first view data from the first screen buffer into the first tabbed internet browser window to display the first view in the first tabbed internet browser window replacing the second view present in the first tabbed internet browser window" as recited in claim 1) or any search terms covering these limitations do not appear to have been included in the search. Petitioner should review all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarifications if deemed necessary.

With respect to the search logic identified, and in particular with respect to the instant claim, the text search appears to be incomplete. It is recommended that the following search terms be included in an updated search. Such example search terms (shown below) should be searched in singular or in combination:

(window tab panel screen pane frame) same (multiple different plural) same browser same (data document image page)

((window tab panel screen pane frame) same (multiple different plural) same browser) and (data document image page) and ((simultaneous same concurr$3 coincid$3 synchron$5) with (view browser display))

(simultaneous same concurr$3 coincid$3 synchron$5) with (view browser display) with (page data document image file) with (window tab panel screen pane frame) with (multiple different plural)

Finally, the following databases should have been included in the search documents:

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The additional search recommendations were confirmed with and recommended by a (primary) examiner in the pertinent art area.

The petitioner should review the Detailed Explanation of Patentability section in view of any updated search and/or clarifications and provide clarifications, as necessary, to ensure compliance with the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item 6.3 above.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(2) and item 6.2 above, the Petitioner should provide an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. With respect to the Reference 1(Burke et al.), it is not clear which limitations are taught by Burke and which limitations are not taught. Specifically, the Petitioner states on page 3, Burke teaches limitation [b], but in the explanation that follows, the Petitioner appears to state the features of limitation [b] are not taught by Burke. Therefore, it is not clear if limitation [b] is taught by Burke or not taught by Burke. Similarly, the Petitioner states Burke teaches limitation [d] but in the explanation that follows, the Petitioner appears to be stating Burke does not teach limitation [d]. Therefore, it is not clear if limitation [d] is taught by Burke or not taught by Burke. Since the Petitioner relies on the explanations for [b] and [d] for limitations [j], [l], and [m], it is not clear if limitations [j], [l], and [m] are taught by Burke or not taught by Burke. Clarification is required.

With respect to Reference 3 (Moore et al.), the Petitioner states limitation [c] is not taught by Moore on page 10; however, in the explanation following, it appears Moore does teach the features of limitation [c]. Specifically, the Petitioner states Moore discloses *a user selecting a link for a second page and loading the second page in a new tab* which appears to teach limitation [c] reciting, *receiving a user command to display a second view in the first tabbed*

internet browser window, said second view generated from a data source having a second view data. Therefore, it is not clear if limitation [c] is taught by Moore or not taught by Moore. Since, the Petitioner relies on the explanation for limitation [c] for limitations [e] and [k], it is not clear if these limitations are taught by Moore or not taught by Moore. Clarification is required.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item 6.3 above, 37 CFR § 1.111 (c) states in part "the applicant or patent owner must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited." In light of the deficiencies of item 6.2 above, the Petitioner fails to point out how the claims distinguish from the cited reference because it is not clear whether Moore teaches limitations [c], [e], and [k] as outlined above. Therefore, although the Petitioner states none of the references teach or suggest limitations [c], [e], and [k], it is not clear whether Moore teaches these limitations or not. Clarification is required.

Thus, the petition does not meet the conditions II.5.1, II.5.2, II.6.2 and II.6.3 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

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In re Application of: Jeffrey Wilson et al. Serial No.: 12/183,255 Filed: July 31, 2008 Docket: AUS920080447US1 (8024) Title: WEB PAGE PUSH TO NEW WINDOW	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on March 13, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
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5. Reply by Applicant:
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   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

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   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3719.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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In re Application of: Timothy Daubenspeck et al. Serial No.: 12/183,369 Filed: July 31, 2008 Docket No.: BUR920070254US2 Title: DESIGN STRUCTURE FOR FINAL VIA DESIGNS FOR CHIP STRESS REDUCTION	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 and amended on January 8, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1606.

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In re Application of	:	
Lance B. Becker, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/183,386	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 31, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 7814-234	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed December 9, 2008 and January 28, 2009.

The request is **DISMISSED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Brinks, Hofer Gilson & Lione has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on February 9, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

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In re Application of :
Schmid :
Application No. 12/183,419 : ON PETITION
Filed: July 31, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. 07-500-2 :
For: ELECTRICALLY MEASURING
EXPANSIONS ON CYLINDRICAL BODIES

This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) filed on December 3, 2008. The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Any response should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)" and may include an oath or declaration executed by the inventor. **Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application.**

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration;
(2) an acceptable oath or declaration;
(3) the petition fee;
(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor;
(5) proof of proprietary interest; and
(6) proof of irreparable damage.

This petition lacks items (1), (2), and (5) set forth above.

As to items (1) and (2), applicant has failed to establish that the non-signing inventor has refused to execute a declaration for Application No. 12/183,419 and the declaration presented is unacceptable.

This application is a continuation of Application No. 11/909,286. However, no declaration has been filed in Application No. 11/909,286. Therefore, a new declaration, executed by an appropriate party, listing identifiers for Application No. 12/183,419 is required. 37 CFR 1.63(d(iv) Where a corporation is the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant, an officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer) may sign the oath or declaration. Where an oath or declaration is being signed on behalf of an assignee, note MPEP Section 324, which, however, presupposes that an executed assignment by the inventor has been recorded, or submitted for recordation. The person signing the declaration should provide his/her title in the corporation.

The refusal is not acceptable because petitioner has not stated that the non-signing inventor was presented with the application papers for Application No. 12/183,419.

Even if petitioner states that the application papers for Application No. 12/183,419 and Application No. 11/909,286 are identical, then petitioner has still not established refusal because the evidence presented is, in essence, hearsay. Dr. Oliver Vietze has provided a statement of facts regarding Jean-Jacques Schmid's, the non-signing inventor, refusal to join in the filing of Application No. 11/909,286. Dr. Vietze does not appear to have first hand knowledge of the efforts made to obtain Mr. Schmid's cooperation. Mr. Beat Buchmann presented Mr. Schmid with application papers. Mr. Theo Knaus received a communication dated November 22, 2007 from Dr. Alberto Campelo Roldan, allegedly Mr. Schmid's attorney, regarding Mr. Schmid's refusal to cooperate. The Office has no record of receiving a copy of the November 22, 2007 communication from Dr. Roldan to Mr. Knaus. Mr. Roshardt communicated with Dr. Roldan on July 2, 2008. In short, Dr. Vietze appears to have second hand knowledge of efforts to obtain Mr. Schmid's cooperation.

The statement(s) of facts must be signed by person(s) having *firsthand knowledge* of the facts recited therein. Statements based on hearsay will not normally be accepted. MPEP 409.03(d)

As to item (5), Rule 47 petitioner has failed to show or provide proof that Baumer Holding AG possesses sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify the filing of the application (see MPEP 409.03(f)). Acceptable proof would include a copy of the employment agreement between the non-signing inventor and the Rule 47(b) applicant, a copy of an assignment agreement showing that the invention disclosed in the application is assigned to the Rule 47(b) applicant, or a legal memorandum signed by an attorney familiar with the law of the jurisdiction stating that a court of competent jurisdiction would by the weight of authority in that jurisdiction award the title of the invention to the Rule 47(b) applicant.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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In re Application of
KAM-CHUEN YUNG ET AL.
Application No. 12/183,425
Filed: July 31, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **WKG04-049-US**

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR. § 1.36(b), filed May 18, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 43320 has been revoked by the applicants of the patent application on May 19, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 CFR § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4584.

/JoAnne Burke/
JoAnne Burke
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of	:	
KIESSL, STEFAN et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/183,472	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: July 13, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. W-227Q	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
For DEVICE FOR THE INFRARED	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)
RADIATION OF SCALP HAIR		

This is a decision on the renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed November 12, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are dismissed.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the EPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the EPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the EPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the EPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the EPO examiner in the EPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition met all conditions except Item #6 above. The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition fail to include a copy of:

1. EP 0317902 and EP 0372443 patent documents. These patent documents were cited in the EP search report of EP 07 11 3555.

Applicant is encouraged to cite and submit all relevant prior art references, if any, to facilitate examination in this application.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Response must be filed via EFS-Web. Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen, at 571-272-4856.

/Henry C. Yuen/

Henry C. Yuen
Special Programs Examiner
Technology Center 3700
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KIESSL, STEFAN et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/183,472	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: July 13, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. W-227Q	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
For DEVICE FOR THE INFRARED RADIATION OF SCALP HAIR	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

Upon reconsideration of the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed November 12, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are granted.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the EPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the EPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the EPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
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(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the EPO examiner in the EPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

Applicant is encouraged to cite and submit all relevant prior art references, if any, to facilitate examination in this application.

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Henry Johnson, the SPE of Art Unit 3769, 571-272-4768 and also accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision. Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen, at 571-272-4856.

/Henry C. Yuen/

Henry C. Yuen, Special Programs Examiner
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12/183,499	07/31/2008	Ellis W. Patrick	13682.117122 (LED-028095)	5706

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In re Application of: PATRICK Application Serial No.: 12/183,499 Filed: July 31, 2008 For: Light Fixture with an Adjustable Optical Distribution	**DECISION ON PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP** ***37 CFR § 1.48 (a)***

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 (a) filed September 29, 2008, to correct Inventorship in the above-identified Patent Application.

The instant application was filed July 31, 2008 listing Ellis W. Patrick as the only inventor. Petition requests that the above-identified application amend the inventorship to add the following inventor, which was unintentionally omitted.

Scott David Wegner

Based on the filed record as a whole and the facts as set forth and in the petition, the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent and was diligently corrected.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED.**

The application is being forwarded to the technical support staff for the name correction, and will then be returned to the examiner to continue the examining process.

Jong-Suk (James) Lee
Supervisory Patent Examiner
Art Unit 2885

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Frederic S. Maxik et al.
Application No. 12/183,501
Filed: July 31, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 08-4228

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 5, 2009.

The request is **moot because a revocation of power of attorney has been filed**.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Hayworth, Chaney & Thomas, P.A., has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on May 20, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below listed until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

Kimberly Inabinet
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Application No. 12/183,516	:	TO WITHDRAW
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Attorney Docket No. 14860.01(ITWO:0339-1)	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed June 18, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that on June 19, 2009 the power of attorney to Ziolkowski Patent Solutions Group, SC (ITW) was revoked by the assignee of the patent application. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272- 7751. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Joan Olszewski
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In re Application of: COX, Susan M. et. al.
Serial No.: **12/183,543**
Filed: July 31, 2008
Docket: AUS920070842US2
Title: USING GENDER ANALYSIS OF NAMES TO ASSIGN AVATARS IN INSTANT MESSAGING APPLICATIONS

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July, 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;
3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.
4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.
5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. The preexamination search must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify:

(1) each means-(or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and

(2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more

applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions [I. 1-4, II. 1-5, II. 5.1-5.3 and II. 6.1-6.4 and II. 6.6] above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with the conditions [II. 6.5]. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP 708.02(a) (I)(5) and item II 6.5, the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD) fails to provide showing of where each limitation of each claim finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification.

Particularly, **if the application claims the benefit** of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the **showing must also include** where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in **each such application** in which such support exists.

In this case, the AESD appears to identify the support for the claimed features by *only* referring to instant application. However, the specification of instant application states "This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application serial no. **12/038,954** filed February 28, 2008". The Application Data Sheet (ADS) filed at the filing date of instant application, claims the domestic benefit to an earlier application date associated with **12/038,954**.

This identification materially effects examination of the application, and the lack of showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, fails to meets the requirement of MPEP 708.02(a) (I)(5) and item II 6.5 above mentioned.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902.

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In re Application of: Cox, Susan M, et. al.
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Filed: July 31, 2008
Atty. Docket No: AUS920070842US2
For: USING GENDER ANALYSIS OF NAMES TO ASSIGN AVATARS IN INSTANT MESSAGING APPLICATIONS

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on May 18, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on July 31, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on May 08, 2009.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the new Pre-Examination Search Document filed May 18, 2009 meet the requirements of conditions II 6.5.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) as the original identified deficiencies for failing to comply with the requirements for the pre-examination search encompassing all of the features of the claims, and giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation, when performing a complete search have been corrected.

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant

after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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In re application of	:	**DECISION ON PETITION**
Gschwind et al.	:	**TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR**
Application 12/183,593	:	**NEW APPLICATION**
Filed: July 31, 2008	:	**UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD TO CREATE PROCESS REFERENCE MAPS FROM LINKS DESCRIBED IN A BUSINESS PROCESS MODEL

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The petition in this case fails to comply with conditions II.5.2 and II.6.5.

As per condition II.5.2, the NPL database search outlined in the Search Document is not sufficient to be said to encompass all the features of the claims. The USPTO website has search templates that are broken down by class and subclass and provide a listing of the databases to be searched when dealing with claimed subject matter in those classifications at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/searchtemplates/class705-007.htm. For applications in US class/subclass 705/7 (where the invention is classified, such as the current application, the NPL searches here miss such databases as Business & Industry, Dialog Global Reporter, Ei Compendex, Gale Group PROMPT, Gale Group Trade & Industry New York Times Full-text, PR Newswire, Wall Street Journal, Wilson Appl. Sci & Tech Abs.

As to condition to II.6.5, the showing of where each limitation of each of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112 in the written description of the application is insufficient. For each claimed limitation (including each limitation in both the independent and dependent claims) the petition needs to identify specific areas of the specification, or at least a single paragraph, where each limitation is supported. Listing broadly a number of paragraph (i.e. paragraph 0007) or figures (i.e. figures 2-11) does not comply with what is required.

The petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DECISION

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within one (1) month or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the date of this decision. No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) if the request is to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Robert Weinhardt, Business Practice Specialist, at (571) 272-6633, or Romain Jeanty, Primary Examiner, at (571) 272-6732.

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In re application of Gschwind et al. Application No. 12/183,593 Filed: July 31, 2008 For: SYSTEM AND METHOD TO CREATE PROCESS REFERENCE MAPS FROM LINKS DESCRIBED IN A BUSINESS PROCESS MODEL	**DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 and the supplemental petition documents filed September 30, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the

first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

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4. Time for Reply:
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6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
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8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

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involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Robert Weinhardt, Business Practice Specialist, at (571) 272-6633, or C. Michelle Tarae, Business Practice Specialist, at (571) 272-6727.

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Application No. 12183599

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:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1) ,filed 01-AUG-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded “special” status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquires concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of	:	
Hiroyuki Ito, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/183,622	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: July 31, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. 062807-0535	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed, June 11, 2010 to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on May 5, 2010 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2881 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed information disclosure statement.

Terri Johnson

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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;
3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.
4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.
5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The pre-examination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. The pre-examination search must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify:

(1) each means-(or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and

(2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth

paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions [I. 1-4, II. 1-5, II. 5.1-5.3 and II. 6.3 - 6.6] above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with the conditions [II. 6.1 and II. 6.2]. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding to the requirement of MPEP 708.02(a) (I) (1) and item II. 6.1 above, an accelerated examination support document must include: an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims.

In accordance with I. (9) (B) of the Federal Register publication mentioned above: for **each** reference cited, the accelerated examination support document **must** include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference.

More specifically, IDS filed with petition on PTO/SB/08 form cites four (4) references, namely, Hashimoto, et. al., Ishihara, Akashi and Takei, of which **only two** (2) references, namely, **Hashimoto, et. al. and Ahashi** are discussed on section: "9(A) References Deemed Most Closely Related:"

Hence, AESF fails for **each reference cited** to include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference, as required.

The AESD is further insufficient for *lack of identification and explanation* of information disclosure statements (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed **most closely related** to the subject matter of each of the claims and references deemed **not closely related** to the subject matter of the claims. Correction is required.

If applicant wishes to cite references that are **not** required in an AESD for the examiner to consider, applicant may submit such references in a **separate IDS** in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98. Applicant should **clearly identify** the IDS of the AESD that is **in support** of the petition to make special and, similarly, applicant should clearly identify the separate IDS that is **not in support** of the petition.

This deficiency may have been corrected by simply filing an Information Disclosure statement letter, properly signed (as required for the submission of all documents filed in the Office, see 37 CFR §1.56 and 10.18) for **each** ***individual*** IDS, where identification and explanation as to whether or not the IDS supports the AESD could have easily been provided. Applicants may use online IDS forms, Form PTO-

1449, Form PTO/SB/08A, and Form PTO/SB/08B, as well as "equivalent" information disclosure statements (http://**www.uspto.gov/web/forms**/forms_alpha.html)

Regarding to the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a) (I) (I) (2-3) and item II 6.2, the accelerated examination support document (AESD) must include: an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference.

AESD fails to identify for each of the identified references (i.e. **individually/separately**) all of limitations of the claims in accordance with this requirement. Petitioner's must provide a detailed discussion of **each** of the identified references, identifying subject matter by way of figure, page, column and line numbers, as appropriate as they pertain to all of the claim limitations of all of the claims of the instant application.

Petitioner is required to provide for **each** reference cited (i.e. **separately**) identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference (Hashimoto and Ahashi were **not** discussed separately). Correction is required.

More specifically, regarding *9(B) Identification of Limitations disclosed by References*: each reference to be discussed should be clearly identified with a ***sub-heading***, e.g. Hashimoto, et. al. (US 2008/0158597), followed by identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the Hashimoto et. al. reference (**alone**) specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Petition is urged to see Sample AE Support Document by visiting www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/. Correction is required.

For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of MPEP § 708.02.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-4147.

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Filed: July 31, 2008
Docket: JP20080095US1_1963-8051
For: MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION, AND MORE PARTICULAR LY, SECURE PRINTING

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on March 06, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on July 31, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on February 06, 2009.

The renewed petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the new Examination Support Document meets the requirements of MPEP § 708.02(a) (I.)(I), conditions II.6.1-6.2 on the discussion of the IDS and identifying all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the references in the IDS that were deficient in the original petition.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" issued June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not

be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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In re Application of:
KANEVSKY, DIMITRI, et al.
Serial No.: 12/183,651
Filed: July 31, 2008

Title: **COLLABORATIVE AND SITUATIONALLY AWARE ACTIVE BILLBOARDS**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
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5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II. items 5.2, 5.3, and 6.2.

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement in item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: The search was too narrow. Search should have additionally included class/subclass 345/1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 204.

Regarding the requirement in item 6.2 above, the Accelerated Examination Support Document is deficient because section 9(B) titled "Identification of Limitations Disclosed by References" provides only a broad general description of each reference cited. However, the petition fails to identify all of the limitations in the claim of the application that are disclosed by each reference cited and specifying where each limitation is disclosed by each cited reference as required by item 6.2. Clarification is required.

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per items 5.2 and 5.3 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; a new Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any newly found prior art, and the Accelerated Examination Support Document must also be amended to include the necessary reference and discussion of any newly found and cited prior art in accordance with all of items 6 through 6.6 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of: KANEVSKY et al. Serial No.: 12/183,651 Filed: July 31st 2008 Attorney Docket No.: **END920080281US1** Title: **COLLABORATIVE AND SITUATIONALLY AWARE ACTIVE BILLBOARDS**	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 6, 2008 requesting reconsideration to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

All of the requirements to correct the deficiencies outlined in the petition decision mailed September 4th 2008 have been met.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral

election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

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4. Time for Reply:
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5. Reply by Applicant:
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   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

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This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 21, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures (Notice), mailed August 19, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 20, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a sequence listing, (2) the petition fee of $1,620, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. *See* In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the $1,730 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on August 21,2009, was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at (571)272-4584.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the reply received.

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Shakeel Mustafa	:	
Application No. 12/183,722	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 31, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. NCEE-P001	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 4, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by James Hao on behalf of all attorneys/agents of record. All attorneys/agents of record have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address has been changed and is copied below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 05/04/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of: COX, Susan M. et. al. Serial No.: **12/183,732** Filed: July 31, 2008 Docket: AU920070842US3 Title: USING GENDER ANALYSIS OF NAMES TO ASSIGN AVATARS IN INSTANT MESSAGING APPLICATIONS	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d).

Attempts to contact Petitioner on December 22 2008, were unsuccessful.

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. The application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;
3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.
4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.
5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. The preexamination search must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify:

(1) each means-(or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and

(2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more

applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions [I. 1-4, II, 1-5, II. 5.1 - 5.3, II. 6.1-6.4 and II. 6.6] above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with the conditions [II. 6.5]. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a)(I)(5) and item II 6.5 above, the accelerated examination support document (AESD) must include: a showing of where each limitation of the claim finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. More particularly, <u>if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists</u>.

Specifically, section 9(E) Showing of Support under 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph (last sentence on page 16) states that "[t]he application does not claim any benefit of any application." However, according to the specification (par. 1), instant application claims the benefit under 35 USC 120 of U.S. Non-provisional Application No. **12/038,954** filed February 28, 2008.

N*o* showing as to where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 *in this application* (i.e. 12/038,954) has been provided in section 9(E) of the AESD as filed.

Section (II) 6.5 above, requires that petitioner must include a showing where each limitation of the claims find support in each such application in which such supports exist. Correction is required.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **<u>DISMISSED</u>**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-4147.

If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Tod Swann, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-3612.

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In re Application of: Cox, Susan M. et al.
Serial No.: **12/183,732**
Filed: July 31, 2008
Docket: AU920070842US3
For: USING GENDER ANALYSIS OF NAMES TO ASSIGN AVATARS IN INSTANT MESSAGING APPLICATIONS

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on March 10, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on July 31, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on February 06, 2009.

The renewed petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the new Examination Support Document meets the requirements MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(5), condition II.6.5, on the discussion of the claim limitations that find support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph that was deficient in the original petition.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" issued June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not

be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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Application No. 12/183,772	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 31 July 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. M-17268 US	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 20 January 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition

must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 9 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2892 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of Amalfitano et al. Application Number: 12/183780 Filing Date: 07/31/2008 Attorney Docket Number: TAN-2-1406.03.US	:	DECISION ON PETITION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed on November 10, 2008.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d), petitioner has submitted a copy of the executed oath or declaration filed in Application No. 10/409,031, filed on April 7, 2003, of which the instant filing is a divisional application. Furthermore, a copy of the decision, mailed on October 30, 2003, granting a petition to accord § 1.47(a) status to prior application No. 10/409,031, has been placed in the file of the present application.

As Rule 1.47(a) status was granted in the prior application, this application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As no petition is necessary to accord Rule 1.47(a) status in this application, the petition is dismissed as moot. The petition fee is unnecessary and will be not be charged.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), since notice was provided after the grant of Rule 1.47(a) status in the prior application, the Office is dispensing with the notice provision in this continuation application.

After this decision is mailed, the application will be referred to Technology Center 2617 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3231.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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: DECISION ON PETITION
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) filed August 4, 2009, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §120 for the benefit of prior-filed non-provisional application 11/390,081 filed March 28, 2006.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
(2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

All requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application. In order for this

application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed nonprovisional application, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Patricia Faison-Ball at (571) 272-3212. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3738 for consideration by the examiner of applicant's entitlement to claim benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 to the prior-filed application.

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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt

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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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In re Application of Ramberg et al. Application No. 12/183,917 Filed: 7/31/2008 Attorney Docket No. **PA0001US_ERR**	: : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/10/2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice

before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The petition lacks item(s) 1.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 55/523.000) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

In response to Applicants arguments submitted 1/15/2010 regarding a suggested classification, the suggested classification has been considered but it is deemed that the current classification of the application is more appropriate and the correct classification. Class 55, Subclass 523 is directed to ceramic or sintered gas separation apparatus which is currently being claimed. The cited Class 264 is directed is methods of making an article. The article claims would in fact be hieratical over method of making claims. With respect to the Class 422, Subclass 900, this is a cross reference art collection. While Applications may be cross referenced into this particular subclass, they may not be originally classified into it. Accordingly, the current classification is deemed to be correct.

Any reconsideration of this decision should be submitted through the USPTO electronic filing system, EFS-Web, and selecting the document description of "Petition for Green Tech Pilot" on the EFS-Web screen.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tom Dunn at 571-272-1171.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1797 for action in its regular turn.

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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(c)

The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c), for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

1. ☐ The petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment and remove the application from the publication process.
2. ☐ The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).
3. ☑ The Application was published in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 122(b), and it is available on the USPTO web site at http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html.
4. ☐ Petition fee was not paid.

The application **has/will be published** as scheduled.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

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In re Application of: Sean Kainuma Serial No.: 12/184,010 Filed: July 31, 2008 Docket No.: ROC920080359US1 Title: VOLTAGE LEVEL SHIFTING	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance; and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1569.

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Title: **ELECTRONIC VERTICAL CLEARANCE ADVERTISEMENT SAFETY SYSTEM**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II, items 5.1-5.3.

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement in items 5.1-5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: The US field of search and database searches are not sufficient. The search fails to include a US field of search. An adequate US field of search would include class/subclass 340/539.1.

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per items 5.1-5.3 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; a new Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any newly found prior art, and the Accelerated Examination Support Document must also be amended to include the necessary reference and discussion of any newly found and cited prior art in accordance with all of items 6 through 6.6 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ken Wieder, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-2986.

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In re Application of:
GARRETT, RICHARD C. SR.
Serial No.: 12/184,011
Filed: July 31, 2008

Title: **ELECTRONIC VERTICAL CLEARANCE ADVERTISEMENT SAFETY SYSTEM**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ken Wieder, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-2986.

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In re Application of: GALE, Martin J., et. al.
Serial No.: 12/184,050
Filed: July 31, 2008
Docket: **GB920070123US1**
For: **POLICY BASED CONTROL OF MESSAGE DELIVERY**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the published "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. The application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;
3. The application, at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

The application as filed is not eligible for the accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) because it was not complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination at the time of filing.

The mailing of a Notice to File Missing Parts or a Notice of Incomplete Application or Notice to File Corrected Application Papers is evidence that the application was incomplete and not in condition for

examination at the time of filing. The Notice of Missing parts indicate that Oath filed July 31, 2008 was missing the inventor signature. As result the original filing contained an improper Oath, and the application was not complete at the time of filing. *See* 37 CFR §1.63.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-4147.

If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Tod Swann, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-3612.

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In re Application of: Thomas E. Morf et al. Serial No.: 12/184,052 Filed: July 31, 2008 Attorney Docket No.: CH920080037US1 Title: WIDE-BAND ANTENNA COUPLED SPECTROMETER USING CMOS TRANSISTOR	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(a).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), M.P.E.P. §708.02(a) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

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2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
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The petition must:

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3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

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5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The pre-examination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation; and

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists; and

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The application is eligible for the accelerated examination program as set forth in section I above.

The petition meets conditions II.1 through II.5; conditions II.6.1, II.6.2, II.6.4 and II.6.6 above. However, the petition does not meet conditions II.6.3 and II.6.5 above.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.3 above, the petition fails to include a detailed explanation of how the claim is patentable over the cited references with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and (c). While the explanation includes a discussion of each cited reference, the "Detailed Explanation of Patentability" does not provide an adequate explanation of how the claim is patentable over the cited references. The support document indicates that each of the cited references individually fails to teach certain claim limitations, but the support document fails to provide a detailed explanation of how the claim is patentable over the combined teachings of the prior art. Indeed, the "Detailed Explanation of Patentability" provides only a general statement that the prior art fails to teach or suggest the entirety of a certain step of the claimed invention. The "Detailed Explanation of Patentability" does not make clear whether there is a particular limitation of the recited step that is not taught by any of the references, or whether each limitation of the step is taught but by different references. Assuming that each limitation is taught but by different references, the support document does not explain why the cited references would not have rendered the claimed invention obvious under 35 USC 103. A proper detailed explanation with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and (c) must include a statement as to why the cited references would not have rendered the claimed invention obvious under 35 USC 103.

Regarding the condition set forth in II.6.5 above, the accelerated examination support document is required to show where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each application for which benefit under title 35, United States Code, is claimed. The examination support document supplied by the petitioner does not show where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in U.S. Application No. 11/774,087.

Accordingly, the petition fails to meet conditions II.6.3 and II.6.5 for the reasons cited above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is available) from the date of this decision in order

to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1594.

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In re Application of: Thomas E. Morf et al. Serial No.: 12/184,052 Filed: July 31, 2008 Docket No.: CH920080037US1 Title: WIDE-BAND ANTENNA COUPLED SPECTROMETER USING CMOS TRANSISTOR	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on November 26, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

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In re Application of: AHLADAS, STEVEN JOHN et al. Application No.: 12/184,053 Filed: July 31, 2008 Title: METHOD FOR PREVENTING AIR RECIRCULATION AND OVERSUPPLY IN DATA CENTERS	: : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

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6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1, 5.3, 6, 6.4, and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, and 6.5 above.

Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Discussion

When referring to "the petition" herein below, the received papers under consideration include the four page PTO/SB/28 form "Petition to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program", the "pre-examination search document" (PESD) including pages 1-16; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-21, and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching as follows:

1. classes/subclasses:

   - 700/277-278;
   - 236/1C, 104.33;
   - 62/228.1, 228.1;

2. Keywords search in EAST

   - crac with unit with cooling with "data center"

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.1 outlined above, it appears that prior art Johnson et al. U.S. 2005/0170770 A1 is not listed on the IDS. Applicant is also queried why U.S. Patents and Patent Application Publications were filed with the Office, contrary to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(ii).

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.2 outlined above, the petition fails to identify all of the limitations in the application claims that are disclosed in each of the reference(s) and where the limitation is disclosed in each of the cited reference. As stated in the policy published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), for each reference cited, the examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. A grantable petition must delineate every limitation of every claim and identify where the equivalent limitation is disclosed in each piece of prior art cited on the IDS. As is published on www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/ in "Guidelines for Applicants under the new accelerated examination procedures"):

> *For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Applicants should specify where in each of the cited references the particular claim limitations are found. This process is intended to be analogous to the analysis an examiner uses when locating a relevant prior art reference and then determining whether the reference contains the claimed limitation. For each claimed limitation, the examiner would consider the disclosure of the reference and all reasonable portions in the reference where the*

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Petitioner's submission is not specific enough. Petitioner discusses some limitations of the claim and provides direction to areas of the prior art where the corresponding limitation may be found. Petitioner does not address <u>each discrete limitation</u> (i.e., each single limitation, NOT multiple limitations bundled together) and state where it is (<u>or state that it is not</u>) found in each one of the most closely related prior art. The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") the presently filed claim (i.e., the claim of the instant application) and by indicating where <u>each discrete limitation</u> (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) in said presently filed claim is taught (or is not taught) in <u>each one</u> of the most closely related references that is cited, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., recitations that do not spell out the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. Applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single limitation unto the prior art. Section II element 6.2 is not the proper venue to imply patentability by bundling limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

With respect to the requirements of section II element 6.3 outlined above, the petition fails to provide a detailed explanation of how the claim is patentable over (each of) the reference(s) with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Petitioners should be specific in their explanation and include the identification of specific claim limitations that support their position, where appropriate. Petitioners must distinguish the claim from each piece of prior art cited. General statements that the claim is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited references or that the references are not properly combinable will not be acceptable. The Office cannot infer or guess what petitioner believes the differences between the claims and the teachings of the prior art to be. Petitioner's statements must also be consistent and must be related to the claim language. The requirement of section II element 6.3 can be satisfied by indicating for the presently filed claim (i.e., the claim of the instant application) which <u>specific</u> i.e., <u>discrete</u> limitation(s) in said presently filed claim define(s) over each one of the most closely related references that is cited. This patentability showing should be performed individually, with

regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. Patentability arguments must specifically spell out the relevant limitation(s); prior art patents can be referred to by the last name of the first inventor. Statements such as "Reference A does not teach limitation II(b)" must be avoided.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.5 outlined above, the requirements of this section are not met because lack of specificity. A grantable petition requires petitioner to provide a showing of where each limitation of the claim finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. The instant petition only identifies figures and portions of text with respect to claim numbers as opposed to the disclosure of the required claim limitations, addressed individually for each limitation in the claim. The requirement of section II element 6.5 can be satisfied by listing verbatim the presently filed claim (by "copy and paste") and by indicating where the instant application (and separately each one of the priority documents – if applicable) teaches each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) in said presently filed claim, by indicating the element number and/or the relevant page and line numbers. If the application(s) for which domestic priority is claimed is/are identical to the present application, a statement to this effect in lieu to the required mapping is acceptable. Applicant's attention is also drawn to the requirements relevant under 35 U.S.C 112, 6th paragraph, listed above. Should this requirement not apply to the present application, Applicant should make a statement in this regard (requirement presently satisfied).

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address all of the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4828. In his absence, an inquiry can be directed to J. Harrison, Special Program Examiner, at 571 272-4449.

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In re Application of: AHLADAS, STEVEN JOHN Serial No.: 12/184053 Filed: July 31, 2008 Title: METHOD FOR PREVENTING AIR RECIRCULATION AND OVERSUPPLY IN DATA CENTERS	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration filed on October 27, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The request has been treated as a renewed petition to make the above-identified application special and has been viewed as a supplement to and in combination with the original petition which was filed on July 31, 2008 and dismissed in the Office letter of September 25, 2008.

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the conditions as outlined in the prior petition decision. The conditions are not repeated herein.

REVIEW OF FACTS

As stated in the decision of September 25, 2008 conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1 5.3, 6, and 6.6 were considered to have been met. However, the petition failed to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.5. Upon reconsideration, the petition is considered to additionally meet II: 5.2, 6.1, and 6.5. However, the petition still fails to meet the requirement of section II: 6.2 and 6.3. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DISCUSSION

With regard to Petitioner's failure to satisfy the requirements of conditions II: 6.2 and 6.3, reference will be made to prior art Malone GB 2423573. Under the requirement of II: 6.2,

Petitioner should have identified "all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference," etc. On p. 7 of the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD), Petitioner properly states:

> removing a plurality of warm air exhausted from said IT equipment rack into a Computer Room Air Conditioner (CRAC) (page 11, lines 24-29);
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> chilling said plurality of warm air removed into said CRAC (page 8, lines 6-25), said plurality of warm air being transformed by said CRAC into said plurality of cold air (page 8, lines 6-25);

Yet on p. 8 of the AESD, the following statement is made:

> drawing said plurality of cold air into said IT equipment rack (Abstract), said plurality of cold air being transformed by heat generated by said IT equipment into said plurality of warm air (not disclosed),

As reproduced above, Petitioner reads the following limitations unto Malone: warm air is exhausted by the IT equipment, warm air is cooled by the Computer Room Air Conditioner (CRAC), and the resulting cold air is drawn into the IT equipment. However, between the acknowledged cold air being drawn into the IT equipment and exhausted as warm air from the IT equipment, the step of "said plurality cold air being transformed by heat generated by said IT equipment into said plurality of warm air" is "not disclosed". It is believed that this statement is in error, as it was both obvious and implicit in Malone that the cold air that cools the IT equipment and exits as warm air, would be transformed, and heated, in the process by the IT equipment-generated heat. For this, and other similar errors, Petitioner failed to satisfy the requirements of condition II: 6.2. The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") all the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) and by indicating where <u>each discrete limitation</u> (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) of each one of said presently filed claims is taught (or is not taught) in <u>each one</u> of the most closely related references that is cited, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Limitations for which antecedent basis has been established and mapped unto the prior art reference need not be mapped repeatedly (the first time suffice). However limitations not disclosed must be specifically singled out (without bundling with disclosed limitations – to the extent possible). Note that disclosure may be express, implicit, or inherent. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., statements that do not spell out the text of the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. The requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single

limitation unto the prior art. Section II element 6.2 is not the proper venue to imply patentability by bundling limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

Petitioner also failed to satisfy the requirements of condition II: 6.3, that requires:

> "6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);"

37 CFR 1.111 (c) requires:

"(c) In amending in reply to a rejection of claims in an application or patent under reexamination, the applicant or patent owner must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made. The applicant or patent owner must also show how the amendments avoid such references or objections."

In the request for reconsideration, Petitioner chose to cite mixed recitations indicating those limitations that are disclosed, and those which are not. This mode does not satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR 1.111 (c), because it fails to "clearly point out the patentable novelty,"and in addition, as explained above, also includes determinations that are believed to be inaccurate. For example, on p. 22 of the AESD, Petitioner makes the following statements:

> "drawing said plurality of cold air into said IT equipment rack (Abstract), said plurality of cold air being transformed by heat generated by said IT equipment into said plurality of warm air (not disclosed)",
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> "wherein said cooling mechanism comprises one of active floor tile (Abstract), servo controlled damper (not disclosed), and adjustable forced air (not disclosed)", and

The first recitation was commented upon above. As with the second statement, it is believed that all conventional air conditioning systems are of the "adjustable forced air" type, at the very least because they can be adjusted between "flow on" and "flow off". For this, and other similar errors, Petitioner failed to satisfy the requirements of condition II: 6.3. The requirement of section II element 6.3 can be satisfied by indicating for <u>each one</u> of the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) which <u>specific</u> i.e., <u>discrete</u> limitation(s) in <u>each one</u> of said presently filed claims define(s) over each one of the most closely related references that is cited. This patentability showing should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, <u>one reference at a time</u>. Patentability arguments must specifically spell out the relevant limitation(s); prior art patents can be referred to by the last name of the first inventor. Statements such as "Reference A does not teach limitation II(b)" will suffice, as long as the reference name and the text of the specific limitation are fully spelled out in the statement. Lack of obviousness analysis for combining two or more references should be performed when a "most closely related prior art" reference clearly indicates reasons for such

combination. With regard to each dependent claim, there should be an unequivocal statement whether the patentability of each dependent claim is predicated solely on that of the claim from which it depends (e.g., "Dependent claim X is patentable solely because of the limitations of the claims from which it depends" - will suffice), or Applicant should provide a detailed explanation of patentability specific to that particular claim (only if the claim recites new limitations that further define over the prior art).

DECISION

For at least the above-stated reason (for failing to meet the requirement of section II: elements 6.2 and 6.3), the petition is **DENIED**. The application will remain in its regular status and will be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is reminded that a single opportunity to perfect the petition is given. Therefore, further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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In re Application of: AHLADAS et al. Serial No.: 12/184,053 Filed: July 31, 2008 Title: METHOD FOR PREVENTING AIR RECIRCULATION AND OVERSUPPLY IN DATA CENTERS	: : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision in response to the submission denominated "Request for reconsideration of decision on petition to make special" received on December 22, 2008. The delay in processing this petition is regretted. The request is construed as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181. No fee is due.

The signatory of the November 20, 2008 decision denying accelerated examination status possessed delegated authority to act on behalf of the Technology Center Director in such matters. Therefore, the petition received on December 22, 2008 is a request for review of a decision of a Technology Center Director. Accordingly, the Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy has decision-making authority over Applicant's petition. M.P.E.P. § 1002.02(b)(15).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to reconsider the denial of accelerated examination status for application No. 12/184,053 and to grant such status under 37 CFR 1.102 is **DENIED**.

Background

The above-identified application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) on July 31, 2008. A petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d) to make the application special under the accelerated examination program was filed on August 5, 2008. See 71 Fed. Reg. 36,323.

On September 25, 2008, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued a decision dismissing said petition based upon failure to meet policy conditions 5.2, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5. A full explanation of each of the deficiencies was provided in the decision.

On October 27, 2008, Applicant filed a Request for Reconsideration of the Decision on Petition.

On November 20, 2008 the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued a decision denying said petition based upon a failure to policy conditions 6.2 and 6.3, previously found deficient. A full explanation of the remaining deficiencies was provided in the decision.

On December 22, 2008, Applicant submitted the instant Petition under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting reconsideration of the November 20, 2008 denial of the petition to make special.

Applicable Regulations and Notice Sections

37 CFR § 1.102 Advancement of Examination

> (a) Applications will not be advanced out of turn for examination or for further action except as provided by this part, or upon order of the Director to expedite the business of the Office, or upon filing of a request under paragraph (b) of this section or upon filing a petition under paragraphs (c) or (d) of this section with a showing which, in the opinion of the Director, will justify so advancing it.

Implementation of 37 CFR 1.102 (c) and (d) is prescribed in "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) and in MPEP section 708.02(a).

The relevant portions of the Notice are as follows:

Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination", 71 Fed. Reg. 36,323 (Jun. 26, 2006)

> Part I. *Requirements for Petitions to Make Special under Accelerated Examination*: A new application may be granted accelerated examination status under the following conditions:
>
> (1) The application must be filed with a petition to make special under the accelerated examination program accompanied by either the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) or a statement that the claimed subject matter is directed to environmental quality, energy, or countering terrorism. See 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2). Applicant should use form PTO/SB/28 for filing the petition.
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> (9) At the time of filing, applicant must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.
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> (A) An accelerated examination support document must include an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims.
>
> (B) For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference.

(C) The accelerated examination support document must include a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c).

Decision

Petitioner requests reconsideration of the petition denial based upon petitioner's assertions that the deciding official's review was subjective and not proper under the Policy. With respect to the denial regarding policy requirement denominated 6.3, petitioner presents no arguments but further submits a second revised Accelerated Examination (AE) support document.

At the outset, it is noted that any single deficiency in the policy is sufficient to support denial of a petition for Accelerated Examination. It is noted petitioner included what appears to be a second revised AE petition concurrently with the December 22, 2008 petition in lieu of argument of denial based upon policy requirement denominated 6.3 in the prior decisions[1]. This is tantamount to an admission the deciding official's position was well founded and, this alone, provides grounds for maintaining the denial of entry into the accelerated examination program. As petitioners are only given a single opportunity to correct deficiencies in AE petitions the December 22, 2008 submission will not be evaluated. See 71 Fed. Reg. 36323 Part II.

Further, the undersigned has noted the Accelerated Examination Support Document was filed in the instant application on August 5, 2008 which is *five days after the application filing of July 31, 2008*. In order for an application to be considered for the AE program, the AE petition must be filed with the application. See 71 Fed. Reg. 36323 Part I (1). Accordingly, the instant application is ineligible for consideration for the program and the AE petition at issue herein should have been denied for lacking eligibility rather than treated on the merits. In an apparent oversight on the deciding official's part, the petition was treated on the merits. Consideration of argument presented in the 37 CFR 1.181 petition with respect to denial of petition under policy requirement denominated 6.2 [2] is moot given the instant application's ineligibility for consideration under the AE policy.

CONCLUSION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to reconsider the denial of Accelerated Examination status in application No. 12/184,053 is **DENIED**. Therefore, the USPTO will examine the above-identified application in accordance with standard examination procedures.

This decision may be viewed as final agency action. See MPEP 1002.02.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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In re Application of: HERINGES, JAMES A., et al. Application No.: 12/184,055 Filed: July 31, 2008 Title: EXPANDABLE PROSTHESES FOR TREATING ATHEROSCLEROTIC LESIONS INCLUDING VULNERABLE PLAQUES	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6, 6.1, and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 above. Therefore,

the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Discussion

When referring to "the petition" herein below, the received papers under consideration include the four page PTO/SB/28 form "Petition to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program", the "pre-examination search document" including pages 1-5; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-18, and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.2 outlined above, the petition fails to identify all of the limitations in the application claims that are disclosed in each of the reference(s) and where the limitation is disclosed in each of the cited reference. As stated in the policy published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), for each reference cited, the examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. The policy statement does not caveat "the independent claims", nor does it allow for grouping and general discussions. A grantable petition must delineate every limitation of every claim and identify where the equivalent limitation is disclosed in each piece of prior art cited on the IDS. As is published on www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/ in "Guidelines for Applicants under the new accelerated examination procedures"):

> *For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Applicants should specify where in each of the cited references the particular claim limitations are found. This process is intended to be analogous to the analysis an examiner uses when locating a relevant prior art reference and then determining whether the reference contains the claimed limitation. For each claimed limitation, the examiner would consider the disclosure of the reference and all reasonable portions in the reference where the limitation is shown. When preparing an Office Action, the examiner would correlate the limitation to the portion of reference which best characterizes the limitation. This part of the AESD is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of every conceivable subjective interpretation of how a claim limitation may read on the reference. Applicants should point out what are considered to be the relevant representations of the limitation in the reference. A limitation may be found in more than one portion of the reference and should be pointed out, yet the intention is not to have applicants point out every conceivable interpretation. The USPTO will adopt a rule of reason when evaluating this portion of the AESD. Unless the representation is so deficient that it would materially effect examination of the application (e.g., numerous instances where the limitations are not shown where applicant states they are), the representation will be deemed to be sufficient for this part of the AESD.*

Petitioner's submission is not specific enough. Petitioner does not point out specific limitations and only provides directions to areas of the prior art where the claim limitations may be found *in toto*. Petitioner does not address each discrete limitation (i.e., each single limitation, NOT

multiple limitations bundled together) and state where it is (or state that it is not) found in each one of the most closely related prior art. In addition, it is noted that the statement regarding the Kula reference "disqualified by 35 USC 103(c)" is incorrect with respect to potential rejections made under 35 USC 102(e). The statement may create confusion in this regard, and Petitioner is required to remove it. Petitioner properly made the required statement under section II, element 6.6, and said statement should be maintained in its present form. The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") all the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) and by indicating where each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations together to the extent possible) of each one of said presently filed claims is taught (or is not taught) in each one of the cited most closely related references, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., recitations that do not spell out the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that has been cited, one reference at a time. Applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single limitation unto the prior art. Section II element 6.2 is not the place to make patentability arguments by bundling together multiple limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

With respect to the requirements of section II element 6.3 outlined above, the petition fails to provide a detailed explanation of how each one of the claims is patentable over (each of) the reference(s) with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Petitioners should be specific in their explanation and include the identification of specific claim limitations that support their position, where appropriate. Petitioners must distinguish each claim from each piece of prior art cited. General statements that the claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited references or that the references are not properly combinable will not be acceptable. The Office cannot infer or guess what petitioner believes the differences between the claims and the teachings of the prior art to be. Petitioner's statements must also be consistent and must be related to the claim language. As a representative example (but not the only one), with respect to the independent claims, at least Schaldach teaches at least the claimed "radial connecting member". (Courtesy note to Petitioner: it appears that the recitation "radial" in the present application may be in error for "tangential", as radial members in a stent may block the circulation. Applicant does not have to reply or comment on this point, as it is only a courtesy observation.) For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of section II, element 6.3. The requirement of section II element 6.3 can be satisfied by indicating for each one of the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) which specific i.e., discrete limitation(s) in each one of said presently filed claims define(s) over each one of the most closely related references that has been cited. With regard to each dependent claim, there should be an unequivocal statement whether the patentability of each dependent claim is predicated solely on that of the claim from which it depends (e.g., "Dependent claim X is patentable solely because of the limitations of the claims from which it depends" - will suffice), or Applicant should provide a detailed explanation of patentability specific to that particular claim (only if the claim recites new limitations that further define over the prior art). This patentability showing should be

performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that has been cited, one reference at a time. Patentability arguments must specifically spell out the relevant limitation(s); prior art patents can be referred to by the last name of the first inventor. Statements such as "Reference A does not teach limitation II(b)" should be avoided.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.4 outlined above, the petition fails to identify a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims. A general statement directed to the overall concept of the invention is not specifically relating the utility to each of the independent claims as is required by the policy. Petitioner should reference each independent claim specifically when discussing the utility of the invention.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.5 outlined above, the requirements of this section are not met because lack of specificity. A grantable petition requires petitioner to provide a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. The instant petition only identifies figures and portions of text with respect to claim numbers as opposed to the disclosure of the required claim limitations, addressed individually for each limitation in each claim. The requirement of section II element 6.5 can be satisfied by listing verbatim all the presently filed claims (by "copy and paste") and by indicating where the instant application (and separately each one of the priority documents – if applicable) teaches each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations together to the extent possible) in each one of said presently filed claims, by indicating the element number and/or the relevant page and line numbers. Applicant's attention is also drawn to the requirements relevant under 35 U.S.C 112, 6th paragraph, listed above. Should this requirement not apply to the present application, Applicant should make a statement in this regard (requirement presently satisfied).

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address all of the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4828. In his absence, an inquiry can be directed to J. Harrison, Special Program Examiner, at 571 272-4449.

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In re Application of: HERINGES, JAMES A. et al. Serial No.: 12/184,055 Filed: July 31, 2008 Title: EXPANDABLE PROSTHESES FOR TREATING ATHEROSCLEROTIC LESIONS INCLUDING VULNERABLE PLAQUES	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration filed on October 8, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The request has been treated as a renewed petition to make the above-identified application special and has been viewed as a supplement to and in combination with the original petition which was filed on July 31, 2008 and dismissed in the Office letter of September 8, 2008.

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the conditions as outlined in the prior petition decision. The conditions are not repeated herein.

REVIEW OF FACTS

As stated in the decision of September 8, 2008 conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6, 6.1, and 6.6 were considered to have been met. However, the petition failed to comply with conditions II: 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5. Upon reconsideration, the petition is considered to additionally meet II: 6.4 and 6.5. However, the petition still fails to meet the requirement of section II: 6.2 and 6.3. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure

This communication includes courtesy comments on Petitioner's compliance with the requirement of section II: 6.5. They are made as a courtesy and for future reference only.

DISCUSSION

With regard to section II: 6.2, petitioner failed to satisfy the condition with the required specificity. For example, in the AESD on pp. 21-22, Petitioner proposes the following mapping of claim 1, paragraphs 4-7 unto Kula:

> **a plurality of radial connecting members that connect radially neighboring sinusoidal members, each radial connecting member having a first end and a second end and each comprising a plurality of segments and turns (Kula does <u>not</u> disclose this limitation),**
>
> **wherein the first end and the second end of each radial connecting member respectively connect to radially neighboring sinusoidal members at points of connection at or near the laterally adjacent peaks of the radially neighboring sinusoidal members (Kula does <u>not</u> disclose this limitation),**
>
> **wherein each radial connecting member comprises segments that conform to the troughs of the sinusoidal members adjacent to the points of connection of the ends of the radial connecting member, said troughs being opposite the peaks of the radially neighboring sinusoidal members at or near which the ends of the radial connecting member are connected (Kula does <u>not</u> disclose this limitation), and**
>
> **wherein each radial connecting member laterally extends beyond the points of connection of each end thereof at or near laterally adjacent peaks of radially neighboring sinusoidal members (Kula does <u>not</u> disclose this limitation).**

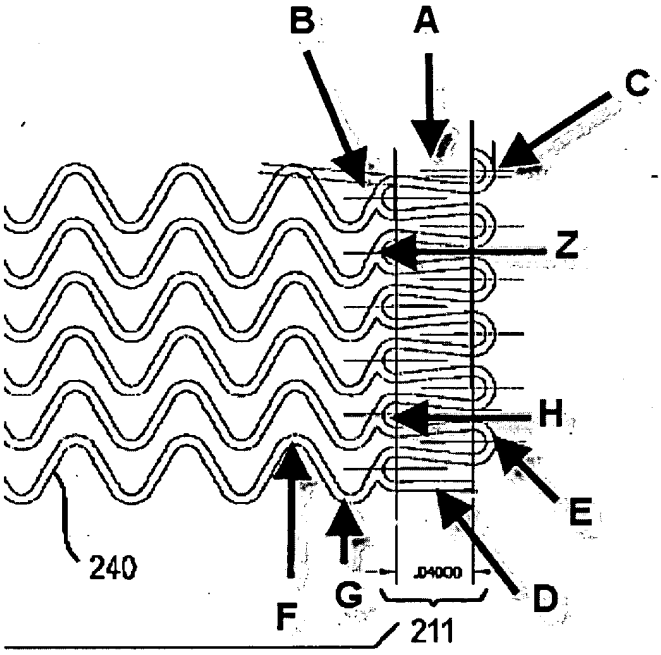
However, as shown below, most of said limitations read on Kula's Fig. 2 as claimed:

a plurality of radial connecting members A (see the other end in Fig. 2 for a second connecting member) that connect radially neighboring sinusoidal members 240, each radial connecting member A having a first end B and a second end C and each comprising a plurality of segments D and turns E,

wherein the first end B and the second end C of each radial connecting member respectively connect to radially neighboring sinusoidal members 240 at points of connection Z at or near the laterally adjacent peaks F of the radially neighboring sinusoidal members (Kula does not disclose the second end C connecting to radially neighboring sinusoidal members 240),

wherein each radial connecting member comprises segments H that conform to the troughs G of the sinusoidal members adjacent to the points of connection Z of the ends B of the radial connecting member A, said troughs G being opposite the peaks F of the radially neighboring sinusoidal members 240 at or near which the ends B of the radial connecting member A are connected (Kula does not disclose the second end C to be connected), and

wherein each radial connecting member A laterally extends (from B to C) beyond the points of connection Z of each end thereof at or near laterally adjacent peaks F of radially neighboring sinusoidal members 240.



Kula Fig. 2 (Detail)

The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") all the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) and by indicating where each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) of each one of said presently filed claims is taught (or is not taught) in each one of the most closely related references that is cited, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., recitations that do not spell out the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. Applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single limitation unto the prior art. Section II element 6.2 is not the proper venue to imply patentability by bundling limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

The statements made with regard to section II element 6.3 should be reviewed in view of Applicant's failure to satisfy the requirements of section II element 6.2. For example, as it was shown above, the following argument for patentability made on p. 39 of the AESD appears to be incorrect:

> **neighboring sinusoidal members 503A and B." Claim 1 limitation "a plurality of radial connecting members that connect radially neighboring sinusoidal members, each radial connecting member having a first end and a second end and each comprising a plurality of segments and turns" distinguishes over Kula because Kula fails to teach any radial connecting members at all. Thus, the present claim is seen to patentably distinguish over Kula.**

The requirement of section II element 6.3 can be satisfied by indicating for <u>each one</u> of the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) which <u>specific</u> i.e., <u>discrete</u> limitation(s) in <u>each one</u> of said presently filed claims define(s) over each one of the most closely related references that is cited. With regard to each dependent claim, there should be an unequivocal statement whether the patentability of each dependent claim is predicated solely on that of the claim from which it depends (e.g., "Dependent claim X is patentable solely because of the limitations of the claims from which it depends" - will suffice), or Applicant should provide a detailed explanation of patentability specific to that particular claim (only if the claim recites new limitations that further define over the prior art). This patentability showing should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, <u>one reference at a time</u>. Patentability arguments must specifically spell out the relevant limitation(s); prior art patents can be referred to by the last name of the first inventor. Statements such as "Reference A does not teach limitation II(b)" must be avoided. <u>Presently, the format of the patentability arguments has been satisfied.</u>

The following discussion regarding satisfying the requirement of section II: element 6.5 is provided only as a courtesy to the Petitioner, for further reference, because the showing of support under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph as presently proposed does little to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to make and use the claimed invention. For example, on p. 51 of the AESD, Petitioner proposes the following mapping:

> **a plurality of radially neighboring, longitudinally disposed sinusoidal members comprising peaks and troughs, the peaks and troughs of radially neighboring sinusoidal members being at least substantially in-phase with each other (pg. 3, ll. 1-4),**

However, a look at the proposed pg. 3, ll. 1-4 of the specification reveals the following teachings:

substantially tubular portion disposed between two ends of the prosthesis, including: a plurality of radially neighboring, longitudinally disposed sinusoidal members comprising peaks and troughs, the peaks and troughs of radially neighboring sinusoidal members being at least substantially in-phase with each other, so that laterally adjacent, oppositely facing peaks of

Hence, the above teachings and the claim recitation mirror each other. While the cited location in the specification does provide antecedent for the claim language, the proposed mapping adds little benefit to satisfy the enablement requirement. A more adequate mapping could be:

a plurality of radially neighboring, longitudinally disposed sinusoidal members (p. 5, l. 30, Fig.1, central portion 101) comprising peaks and troughs (p. 6, l. 1), the peaks and troughs of radially neighboring sinusoidal members being at least substantially in-phase with each other (p. 6, l. 2, Fig. 1, 103A, 103 B, 103C),

The requirement of section II element 6.5 can be satisfied by listing verbatim all the presently filed claims (by "copy and paste") and by indicating where the instant application (and separately each one of the priority documents – if applicable) teaches <u>each discrete limitation</u> (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) in each one of said presently filed claims, by indicating the element number and/or the relevant page and line numbers. The requirement for mapping unto the application(s) for which domestic priority is claimed is presently satisfied. Note that a mapping unto a teaching that is identical to the recited claim limitation (such as it happens at times in the "Background of Invention" for example) establishes a basis for antecedent, but does little to clarify "the manner and process of making and using it," i.e., the enablement. For this reason it is desirable to indicate, to the extent possible, any combination of the element, figure, page, (or paragraph), and line numbers in the specification where the mapped limitation is actually taught and enabled. If the application(s) for which domestic priority is claimed is/are identical to the present application, a statement to this effect in lieu to the required mapping is acceptable. Applicant's attention is also drawn to the requirements relevant under 35 U.S.C 112, 6th paragraph, listed above. Should this requirement not apply to the present application, Applicant should make a statement in this regard. This requirement is presently satisfied.

DECISION

For at least the above-stated reason (for failing to meet the requirement of section II: element 6.2, and 6.3), the petition is **<u>DENIED</u>**. The application will remain in its regular status and will be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is reminded that a single opportunity to perfect the petition is given. Therefore, further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 28, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Morrison & Foerster LLP has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on November 19, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at 571-272-2991.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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In re Application of:
GLOWACKI, JANICE R., et al.
Serial No.: 12/184,110
Filed: July 31, 2008

Title: **METHOD FOR DISPLAYING SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS IN A SECONDARY LANGUAGE WHILE INTERACTING AND VIEWING THE DEFAULT LANGUAGE VERSION**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

The petition to make the application special filed July 31, 2008 is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not

file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ken Wieder, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-2986.

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This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:
1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner; and

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable expectation; and

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists; and

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions regarding the application (section I, subsections 1-4) discussed above are considered to have been met. Additionally, the conditions regarding the petition (section II, subsections 1-5) are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with the all the conditions set forth in section II, subsection 6. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirements of section II, subsection 6, the support document supplied by petitioner does not satisfy the requirements set forth in subsections 6.2 and 6.3. The petition fails to identify all of the limitations in the application claims that are disclosed in the references and where the limitations are disclosed in the cited references. A grantable petition requires an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. More specifically, each reference should be discussed indicating what it discloses with respect to each of the claim limitations followed by a detailed description of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). 37 CFR 1.111(c) states in part that "the applicant or patent owner must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited." The support document mentions detecting a voltage but fails to discuss where these limitations are disclosed in the references. Each reference should be discussed indicating what it does disclose (i.e., Tsukamoto et al, US Patent No. 6,891,353, discloses other embodiments than the best mode of implementation and further discloses monitoring at least one of the following conditions: voltage, change in voltage and rate of change in voltage) and then a detailed description of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of subsection 6.2.

Regarding the requirements of section II, subsection 6.3 outlined above, petitioner does not specifically point out the particular language of the claims that distinguishes over the references. The petition fails to provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over each of the references with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c) and not merely state that the references do not disclose the claim limitations. 37 CFR § 1.111 (b) states "[a] general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section." 37 CFR § 1.111 (c) states in part "the applicant or patent owner must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made." For example, with respect to the Ueno, EP 1113252 reference, petitioner mentions the Tsukamoto et al reference and what it discloses and not the specific language in the claim that distinguishes the Ueno reference. The Office cannot infer or guess what petitioner believes the differences between the claims and the teachings of the prior art to be. For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of section II, element 6.3.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petition is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Quality Assurance Specialist Jose' G. Dees at (571) 272-1569.

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In re Application of: EGAN et al Serial No.: 12/184,111 Filed: July 31, 2008 Title: SENSOR INCORPORATED INTO ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE PACKAGE	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration of the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) filed November 10, 2008. The petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) was dismissed on October 9, 2008.

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

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In re Application of: ANDERSON *et al.* Serial No.: 12/184,125 Filed: July 31, 2008 Docket: **BUR920080319US1/IBMSP033** Title: **METHOD FOR FORMING AN OPTICAL IMAGE SENSOR WITH AN INTEGRATED METAL-GATE REFLECTOR**	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1594.

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DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

MPEP 708.02(a) sets forth the requirements that a petition to make special 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy in order to be grantable:

708.02(a) [R-5] Accelerated Examination

All petitions to make special, except those based on applicants health or age or the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program, filed on or after August 25, 2006 must meet the requirements set forth in subsection I below. See MPEP § 708.02 subsection III or IV (where appropriate) for the requirements for filing a petition to make special based on applicants health or age.

Applications filed prior to August 25, 2006 are not eligible for the accelerated examination program set forth below. A petition to make special filed on or after August 25, 2006 will only be granted if it is based upon applicants health or age or is under the PPH pilot program, or if it complies with the requirements set forth below.

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITIONS TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER ACCELERATED EXAMINATION

A new application may be granted accelerated examination status under the following conditions:

(A) The application must be filed with a petition to make special under the accelerated examination program accompanied by either the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) or a statement that the claimed subject matter is directed to environmental quality, the development or conservation of energy resources, or countering terrorism. See 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2). Applicant should use form PTO/SB/28 for filing the petition.

(B) The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

(C) The application, petition, and required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTOs electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-Web. If the USPTOs EFS and EFS-Web are not available to the public during the normal business hours for these systems at the time of filing the application, applicant may file the application, other papers and fees by mail accompanied by a statement that EFS and EFS-Web were not available during the normal business hours, but the final disposition of the application may occur later than twelve months from the filing of the application. See subsection VIII.F. below for more information.

(D) At the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination. For example, the application must be filed together with the basic filing fee, search fee, examination fee, and application size fee (if applicable), and an executed oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63. See subsection VIII.C. below for more information.

(E) The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims. The application must also not contain any multiple dependent claims. By filing a petition to make special under the accelerated examination program the applicant is agreeing not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application. Specifically, the applicant is agreeing that the dependent claims will be grouped together with and not argued separately from the independent claim from which they depend in any appeal brief filed in the application (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)). The petition must include a statement that applicant will agree not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application. See form PTO/SB/28.

(F) The claims must be directed to a single invention. If the USPTO determines that all the claims presented are not directed to a single invention, applicant must make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview. The petition must include a statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview. See form PTO/SB/28.

(G) The applicant must be willing to have an interview (including an interview before a first Office action) to discuss the prior art and any potential rejections or objections with the intention of clarifying and possibly resolving all issues with respect to patentability at that time. The petition must include a statement that applicant will agree to have such an interview when requested by the examiner. See form PTO/SB/28.

(H) At the time of filing, applicant must provide a statement that a preexamination search was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass and the date of the search, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file or files searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

(1) This preexamination search must involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated source and includes such a justification with this statement.

(2) This preexamination search must be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation.

(3) The preexamination search must also encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed. An amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the preexamination search or an updated accelerated examination support document (see item I) will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered. See subsection IV below for more information.

(4) A search report from a foreign patent office will not satisfy this preexamination search requirement unless the search report satisfies the requirements for a preexamination search.

(5) Any statement in support of a petition to make special must be based on a good faith belief that the preexamination search was conducted in compliance with these requirements. See 37 CFR 1.56 and 10.18.

(I) At the time of filing, applicant must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

(1) An accelerated examination support document must include an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims.

(2) For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference.

(3) The accelerated examination support document must include a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c).

(4) The accelerated examination support document must include a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application).

(5) The accelerated examination support document must include a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify:

(i) each means- (or step-) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 6; and

(ii) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that correspond to each means- (or step-) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 6. If the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in each such application in which such support exists.

(6) The accelerated examination support document must identify any cited references that may be disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions of MPEP 708.02(a)(I)(A-G) above are met. However, the petition fails to fully comply with conditions (H) and (I) above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

As to MPEP 708.02(a)(I)(H) above, the conditions of sub-parts (H)(3) and (H)(5) are met, while sub-part (H)(4) is not applicable.

As to sub-part (H)(1) above the pre-examination search must "involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, ...". In petitioners accelerated examination search document ("AESD") in the classification search, petitioner has failed to indicate whether the classified search encompassed US patents alone, US patent application publications alone, or both. Because the AESD is silent, it is unknown if the search has in fact complied with the requirements of MPEP 708.02(a). Correction is required.

Additionally, M.P.E.P. 719.05(I)(A) defines a "classification search" as follows:

> "*A classification search.* A classification search is defined as a complete search of <u>all</u> the documents in a particular subclass, whether filed by U.S. or IPC classification and it is not limited by any text query or other means."

Petitioner's statement of a classification search states that the listed subclasses were searched by combining the classification numbers with the words PCI, REQUEST, MESSAGE, WRITEOR [sic] and WRITING. Note that as defined by the M.P.E.P., a classification search "is not limited by any text query or other means". By limiting the search with the above keywords petitioner has not performed a classification search as defined by the M.P.E.P. Correction is required.

Note additionally that petitioner has stated that a search was performed in class 710, subclass 324. However there is no such subclass 324. It is believed that petitioner intended to search subclass 314 which does exist and would be relevant to the claimed invention. By this typographical error, petitioner's classified search has potentially missed a good number of relevant references. Correction is required.

Additionally, petitioner's choice of classes and subclasses to search is unduly narrow and has failed to "[give] the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation" as required by (H)(2). Additional classification searches should be performed in at least:

709/237 Computer to Computer handshaking
710/5 Input/Output command process
710/6 Operation Scheduling
710/7 Concurrently performing Input/Output operation and other operation unrelated to Input/Output
710/314 Common protocol (e.g., PCI to PCI) [this is presumably the intended search for petitioner's subclass "324" search]

All of the above subclasses relate to the interaction between computer systems during data transfer and/or to the scheduling and timing of such data transfers. As petitioner's claimed invention relates to an interaction and scheduling/timing of data transfers, the above subclasses are relevant to the invention. Note that the above listing is not intended to be exhaustive and that petitioner should evaluate the claimed invention in the broadest reasonable light in order to select all relevant classification areas to perform a search. Correction is required.

As to requirement (H)(2) above, petitioner's search has failed to give "the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation" as required. Petitioner's text database searches all limit the search to the term "PCI W EXPRESS". This in and of itself unduly limits the search and fails to give the claims their broadest reasonable interpretation by omitting any art which does not use the acronym PCI with the word EXPRESS. Furthermore, petitioners searches fail to enumerate the acronym PCI, thereby omitting any references which fully spell the component words that form the acronym. Petitioner's searches fail to fully utilize truncation operators to search for word variants. E.g., petitioner searches "request" but misses "requests", "requesting", "requester", etc. Petitioner searches "write" but omits "writing" and "writes". Petitioner's searches also fail to include common synonym terms for the terms which were searched. E.g., searching "write" while omitting "store" or "save", searching "request" while omitting "notice", "inquiry", "order" or "demand". Searching "identif+" (identify/identification) while omitting "determine", "determination", "recognize" or "recognizing". Searching "message?" while omitting "signal", "transaction" or "packet". Note that the above examples are not meant to be exhaustive and petitioner should individual evaluate each search term for all relevant synonyms. Correction is required.

Further, petitioners searches also failed to give "the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation" by unduly limiting the search to only art containing the term "PCI W EXPRESS" or "PCI(W)EXPRESS". While the claim preamble makes mention of "PCI Express", the body of the claim does not in any way require a PCI Express bus in order to function properly. Accordingly, by limiting the searches to only references containing the term "PCI EXPRESS", the searches overlooked art directed to any other bus type, such as basic PCI, the MCA bus, the EISA and ISA buses, etc. Further the searches overlooked any networking buses which provide schedule reordering of data packets/messages. Additionally, the searches overlooked any art which performs read vs. write ordering for typical input/output buses such as SCSI, Fibre-Channel, ATA, ATAPI, SATA, etc. To the extent to which petitioner's claims relate to PCI Express, art found for, e.g. a SCSI bus, which performed all the steps A-L of the claim would be relevant art that should be evaluated by petitioner and the examiner in the course of examination. Accordingly, in order to give the claims their "broadest reasonable interpretation", petitioner should not limit the search to only one particular bus type, but should instead search for the function defined by the claim body in <u>any</u> bus type. Correction is required.

As to the requirements of section (I) above, the accelerated examination support document ("AESD") meets the requirements of sub-sections (1 and 3-6) but fails to meet the requirement of sub-section (2). MPEP 708.02(a)(I)(I)(2) requires that the AESD "include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference." While petitioner has included a table spanning pages 3-4 of the AESD that specifies which references disclose which features, petitioner has failed to identify "<u>where</u> the limitation <u>is disclosed in</u> the cited reference[s]". Petitioner can meet this requirement by simply inserting into each table cell marked with an "X" to denote

presence of a claim limitation the relevant citation of where within the reference that particular claim limitation is found. Correction is required.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **Dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a **single** opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address **all of** the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed Gail Hayes, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3591.

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In re application of: GREGG, et al. Application No. 12/184,146 Filed: July 21, 2008 For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR LOOSE ORDERING WRITE COMPLETION FOR PCT EXPRESS	: : : :	**DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102 &**

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on April 2, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

A petition to make special was filed in the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.102(d) on July 21, 2008. That petition was dismissed in a decision mailed March 4, 2009 wherein a non-extendible period of 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever was longer, was set to request reconsideration.

In the decision mailed March 4, 2009, the reasons for the dismissal were identified to be inadequate preexamination search and an inadequate support document (conditions (H) and (I) identified below).

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

MPEP 708.02(a) sets forth the requirements that a petition to make special 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy in order to be grantable:

708.02(a) [R-5] Accelerated Examination

All petitions to make special, except those based on applicants health or age or the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program, filed on or after August 25, 2006 must meet the requirements set forth in subsection I below. See MPEP § 708.02 subsection III or IV (where appropriate) for the requirements for filing a petition to make special based on applicants health or age.

Applications filed prior to August 25, 2006 are not eligible for the accelerated examination program set forth below. A petition to make special filed on or after August 25, 2006 will only be granted if it is based upon applicants health or age or is under the PPH pilot program, or if it complies with the requirements set forth below.

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITIONS TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER ACCELERATED EXAMINATION

A new application may be granted accelerated examination status under the following conditions:

(A) The application must be filed with a petition to make special under the accelerated examination program accompanied by either the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) or a statement that the claimed subject matter is directed to environmental quality, the development or conservation of energy resources, or countering terrorism. See 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2). Applicant should use form PTO/SB/28 for filing the petition.

(B) The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

(C) The application, petition, and required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTOs electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-Web. If the USPTOs EFS and EFS-Web are not available to the public during the normal business hours for these systems at the time of filing the application, applicant may file the application, other papers and fees by mail accompanied by a statement that EFS and EFS-Web were not available during the normal business hours, but the final disposition of the application may occur later than twelve months from the filing of the application. See subsection VIII.F. below for more information.

(D) At the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination. For example, the application must be filed together with the basic filing fee, search fee, examination fee, and application size fee (if applicable), and an executed oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63. See subsection VIII.C. below for more information.

(E) The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims. The application must also not contain any multiple dependent claims. By filing a petition to make special under the accelerated examination program the applicant is agreeing not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application. Specifically, the applicant is agreeing that the dependent claims will be grouped together with and not argued separately from the independent claim from which they depend in any appeal brief filed in the application (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)). The petition must include a statement that applicant will agree not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application. See form PTO/SB/28.

(F) The claims must be directed to a single invention. If the USPTO determines that all the claims presented are not directed to a single invention, applicant must make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview. The petition must include a statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview. See form PTO/SB/28.

(G) The applicant must be willing to have an interview (including an interview before a first Office action) to discuss the prior art and any potential rejections or objections with the intention of clarifying and possibly resolving all issues with respect to patentability at that time. The petition must include a statement that applicant will agree to have such an interview when requested by the examiner. See form PTO/SB/28.

(H) At the time of filing, applicant must provide a statement that a preexamination search was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass and the date of the search, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file or files searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

(1) This preexamination search must involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated source and includes such a justification with this statement.

(2) This preexamination search must be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation.

(3) The preexamination search must also encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed. An amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the preexamination search or an updated accelerated examination support document (see item I) will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered. See subsection IV below for more information.

(4) A search report from a foreign patent office will not satisfy this preexamination search requirement unless the search report satisfies the requirements for a preexamination search.

(5) Any statement in support of a petition to make special must be based on a good faith belief that the preexamination search was conducted in compliance with these requirements. See 37 CFR 1.56 and 10.18.

(I) At the time of filing, applicant must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

(1) An accelerated examination support document must include an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims.

(2) For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference.

(3) The accelerated examination support document must include a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c).

(4) The accelerated examination support document must include a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application).

(5) The accelerated examination support document must include a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify:

(i) each means- (or step-) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 6; and

(ii) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that correspond to each means- (or step-) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 6. If the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in each such application in which such support exists.

(6) The accelerated examination support document must identify any cited references that may be disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

Items (A) – (G), (H)(1),(4),(5) and (I)(1),(2) & (4)-(6) above are considered to have been met. However, the renewed petition fails to comply with conditions (H)(2), (H)(3) & (I)(3) above. Therefore, the renewed petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

With respect to items (H)(2) & (3) above, the revised class and subclass search identified and indicated to have been performed by Applicant again appears to be incomplete and/or improper. Specifically, as noted on pages 1 and 2 of the instant

petition, the classification search performed on July 21, 2008 and the revised classification search (class 709/212, 219, 237 and class 710/5 - 7, 313 – 316) continue to be limited by noted text term limitors, thus rendering the search unduly narrowed, rather than a **complete** classification search as was required in the petition decision of March 4, 2008.

Further, the newly performed search has not been updated with a revised search date of completion.

In addition and with respect to item I(3) above, the detailed explanation of ***how each of the claims are patentable*** over the references cited ***with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c)*** [***emphasis added***] is incomplete and unclear. Note, it was assumed that after the supplemental search was completed, new references would be found that better read on the claimed invention and would be properly analyzed in the support document included with any renewed petition. The renewed petition, under "Detailed Explanation of Patentability" (page 7) indicates that the following two limitations are not taught nor suggested by the prior art deemed to be most closely related: **1)** "storing said at least one read message type associated with said corresponding request identification during a period said indication indicates said outputting is in progress" and **2)** "determining whether a message associated with said read message type corresponding to said corresponding request identification is stored after all messages of said write message type associated with said corresponding request identification have been ouput, as is recited in claim 1". However, on page 6 of the renewed petition, the limitation (identified as **2)** above) is identified as being taught by the references to Irish et al., Muthrasanallur, et al. as well as by the newly cited reference to Lo. Further, as identified in the previously submitted AE Support Document (filed July 31, 2008 on page 3 thereof), Petitioner identified that the limitation (identified as **1)** above) was taught by the references to Irish, et al. as well as Muthrasanallur, et al. Thus, it would seem by analyzing all of the submitted evidence in both AE Support Documents, that both limitations **1)** and **2)** identified above to be neither taught nor suggested are in fact taught by a number of cited references. Therefore, the supplemental petition fails to proper provide a detailed explanation in compliance with 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c) of how the claim of the instant application is patentable over the references (identified above).

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is reminded that a single opportunity to perfect the petition is given. Therefore, further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Brian Johnson, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3595. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kakali Chaki, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-3719.

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Title: METHOD FOR PRIORITIZING E-MAIL MESSAGES BASED ON THE STATUS OF EXISTING E-MAIL MESSAGES

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. The application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;
3. The application, at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention;
5. The petition must be filed with the application.

The application as filed is not eligible for the accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) because it is a utility application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a) and was not complete.

The Notice to File Missing Parts on August 6, 2008 is evidence that the application was not complete and in condition for examination at the time of filing.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is denied. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3719. If attempts to reach the undersigned are unsuccessful, Mano Padmanabhan., Quality Assurance Specialist can be reached at (571) 272-4210.

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In re Application of: PASCH, EBERHARD et al. Serial No.: 12/184,165 Filed: July 31, 2008 Docket: DE920080091US1 (105112) Title: METHODS OF CACHE BOUNDED REFERENCE COUNTING	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 31, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I.1 through II.4, II.5.3, II.6.1, II.6.4, II.6.5, and II.6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II.5.1, II.5.2, II.6.2 and II.6.3 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(2) and item 5.1 above, the preexamination search should identify the field of search by U.S. class and subclass. Petitioner has listed classes 707/205, 206; 711/159, 160, E12.009, E12.011, and E12.012 under the U.S. field of search, however, it is not clear whether a complete classification search of each class and subclass was conducted or if the search for these classes was limited by any text query or a set of text queries as it appears in the Database Search section of the preexamination search document on page 2. It is noted that listing only class/subclasses searched will be taken a s representation by the petitioner that each of the patent documents classified under each class/subclass listed in section 8(A) was reviewed in its entirely for subject matter relevant to the claimed invention. Petitioner is requested to provide clarification as to whether a limited classification search was conducted, and if so, clearly indicate the limitation in the preexamination search statement by using an appropriate annotation after the class and subclass, for example, 707/205 (text search only – see search logic).

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and items II.5.2 above, the preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims.

Based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following class and subclasses is recommended in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: Class 711, subclasses 133 (Entry replacement strategy), 134(Combined replacement modes), and 136 (Least recently used) for subject matter related to locking the object "O" for an update when the object Z is in the cache and has a continuity flag set to "on".

With respect to the database searches, the claim limitations some of which have been identified as patentable features distinguishing the claimed invention from the cited prior art (such as "if the object "Z" is a valid reference, is in the cache, and has a continuity flag set to "on", locking the object "O" for an update. . .after handling the object "Z", querying the cache hardware. . .if the object "N" is a valid references, is in the cache, and has a continuity flag set to "on", incrementing a reference counter for the object "N" and storing an address for the object "N" into a pointer of the object "O"; if the object "N" is not in the cache. . .providing a pre-defined return code if the object "Z" is de-referenced and allowing re-use of the storage memory of the de-referenced object while the de-referenced object is still in the cache" as recited in claim 1) or any search terms covering these limitations do not appear to have been included in the search. Petitioner should review all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarifications if deemed necessary.

With respect to the search logic identified, and in particular with respect to the instant claim, the text search appears to be incomplete. It is recommended that the following search terms be included in an updated search. Such example search terms (shown below) should be searched in singular or in combination:

(cache memory) and ((replac$5 updat$3) with (object data)) and ("reference counting" or "reference counter")

(cache memory) and "garbage collection"

(cache memory) and (reference with count$3) and "garbage collection"

The additional search recommendations were confirmed with and recommended by a (primary) examiner in the pertinent art area. Any reference which teaches any portion of the limitation must be so identified even if the reference does not teach the entirety of the limitation.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(2) and item 6.2 above, the Petitioner should provide an identification of all the limitations in the claim that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Specifically, the Petitioner has not clearly identified the claim limitations believed to be disclosed by the references. For example, with respect to the Garthwaite reference, the Petitioner states Garthwaite discloses various features; however, it is unclear which claim limitations these teachings of Garthwaite are intended to teach. Similar problems occur with respect to the Kawamoto and Guo references. Applicant should provide a claim-by-claim mapping of the pertinent subject matter disclosed in each of the references, **specifically identifying each claim limitation and corresponding disclosure within the reference, citing to specific relevant portions of each reference. Any reference which teaches any portion of the limitation must be so identified even if the reference does not teach the entirety of the limitation**. Correction is required.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item 6.3 above, 37 CFR § 1.111 (c) states in part "the applicant or patent owner must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited." Specifically, the Petitioner fails to point out how the claims distinguish from the cited references because it is not clear what features the cited references disclose. As stated above with respect to item 6.2, the Petitioner does not clearly identify the limitations of the claim disclosed in each of the Garthwaite, Kawamoto, and Guo references. Therefore, although the Petitioner states none of the references teach or suggest elements (c)-(g), it is not clear if the cited references may teach some of these features in light of the deficiencies of item 6.2 above. Further, a general allegation that "all of the references fail to at least teach ... and therefore patentably distinguish over each of the references alone or in combination" does not comply with the requirements of this section. The petitioner must <u>specifically</u> properly <u>compare/contrast</u> the claimed invention with respect to the relevant teachings in the prior art in the identified references, and point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited. Clarification is required.

For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a).

Thus, the petition does not meet the conditions II.5.1, II.5.2, II.6.2 and II.6.3 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4210.

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In re Application of: PASCH, EBERHARD et al. Serial No.: 12/184,165 Filed: July 31, 2008 Docket: DE920080091US1 (105112) Title: METHODS OF CACHE BOUNDED REFERENCE COUNTING	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on March 6, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on July 31, 2008, was dismissed in the decision mailed on February 20, 2009, wherein a non-extendible period of 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever was longer, was set to request reconsideration.

The reasons for the dismissal were inadequate search and an inadequate Support Document. Specifically, the petition failed to comply with conditions II.5, II.6.2, and II.6.3.

The renewed petition filed on March 6, 2009, does not relate to the instant application. The papers seem to be filed in this application erroneously, as evidenced by the SN appearing on the filed petition and the contents of the document. There are no other papers filed in this case to request reconsideration of the decision that was mailed on February 20, 2009.

DECISION

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is reminded that a single opportunity to perfect the petition is given. Therefore, further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Applicant is reminded that any single failure to meet each of the requirements of the petition is sufficient for denial, but all deficiencies are being noted as a courtesy should petitioner wish to submit another petition in any continuing application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan, at (571) 272-4210. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kakali Chaki, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-3719.

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This is a decision on the second renewed petition filed on April 20, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). This Second Request for Reconsideration is being treated as a petition to accept the papers filed on April 20, 2009 as timely filed.

The original petition, submitted on July 31, 2008, was dismissed in the decision mailed on February 20, 2009, wherein a non-extendible period of 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever was longer, was set to request reconsideration, to allow Petitioner a single opportunity to perfect the petition by correcting the deficiencies. The reasons for the dismissal were inadequate search and an inadequate Support Document. Specifically, the petition failed to comply with conditions II.5, II.6.2, and II.6.3.

The subsequent request for reconsideration filed on March 6, 2009 was denied on the decision mailed on April 14, 2009, since the papers filed with the request were not related to the instant application.

MPEP 1730 states in part:

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(E) Most follow-on documents and fees for a previously filed patent application.

DECISION

In the instant application, the request for reconsideration of the decision to dismiss the initial petition was filed on March 6, 2009, within the one month time set in the decision to dismiss, mailed on February 20, 2009. However, the Pre-Exam Search document and the Accelerated Examination Support document documents attached to the request for reconsideration filed on March 6, 2009, identified the Serial Number of an Application which was different from the Instant Application Serial Number. Additionally, on reviewing the contents of the search document and support document filed on March 6, 2009, it was clear to the undersigned that the content of the documents did not correspond to, or correct any of the deficiencies pointed out in the dismissal.

Petitioner's attorney, Mr. John Harrington, was contacted on or around April 1, 2009, to apprise him of the situation. Mr. Harrington responded during the phone conversation that he would get back to the undersigned regarding the situation. Since no further response was filed by Petitioners, the petition was denied, and the decision was mailed out on April 14, 2009.

The instant petition was filed on April 20, 2009, following the decision to deny the previous petition that was mailed on April 14, 2009.

Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt for March 6, 2009, provides the following documents as the ones that were transmitted:

2	Statement of preexamination search	FIS920080239US1_PreexamSearchDoc.pdf	180387	no	9
Warnings:					
Information:					
3	Examination support document	FIS920080239US1_AESD.pdf	96942	no	6

However, the Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt for April 20, 2009, provides the following documents as the ones that were transmitted:

3	Statement of preexamination search	DE920080091US1_PreexamSearchDoc.pdf	179029	no	9
Warnings:					
Information:					
4	Accelerated Exam - Transmittal amendment/reply	DE920080091US1_AESD.pdf	106778	no	6

As can be seen from the above, the two sets of documents are completely different. While the later filed documents do appear to be an attempt to address the deficiencies mentioned in the dismissal, it is clear that the appropriate papers to request reconsideration of the initial petition decision of dismissal were not received at the Office until April 20, 2009, well beyond the one-month time set in the decision mailed on February 20, 2009. Hence, it is determined that the papers filed on April 20, 2009 were not timely filed, within the one month time provided in the decision of dismissal.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is DENIED.

Further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan, at (571) 272-4210. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kakali Chaki, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-3719.

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Application No. 12/184,182	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: July 31, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. JP920060058US2	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed August 21, 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kenneth Wieder at 571-272-2986.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Attorney Docket No.: 11548-017-999	: § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed July 31, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in an agreement that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a Final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the Final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a Notice of Appeal, an Appeal Brief and Appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after Final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a Final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Dave Nguyen, TC1600 Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-0731.

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Application No. 12/184,236	:	ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed November 23, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a signed Oath/Declaration and payment of the basic filing fee, the search and examination fees, the additional claims fee, and the late surcharge, (2) the petition fee, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing. Thereafter, the application will be referred to Technology Center AU 3765 for examination on the merits.

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This is a decision on the petition filed July 31, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

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   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in an agreement that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

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5. Reply by Applicant:
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   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

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   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the Final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a Notice of Appeal, an Appeal Brief and Appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after Final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a Final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Dave Nguyen, TC1600 Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-0731.

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In re Application of	:	
John Lap Man Chan	:	
Application No. 12/184,256	:	ON PETITION
Filed: August 1, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. BO0806	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 27, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice) mailed August 13, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 14, 2008. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed April 16, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of the basic filing fee ($82), the surcharge ($65), the search fee ($270) and the examination fee ($110); (2) the petition fee of $810; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-2991.

The application file is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing.

Terri Williams

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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In re Application of: Aviad ZLOTNICK Serial No.: 12/184,294 Filed: August 1, 2008 Docket: IL920080108US1 (105129) Title: METHODS FOR DETECTING INTER-MODULE DEPENDENCIES	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 1, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:

If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:

To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application. In addition, Applicant is reminded that due to the dismissal of the previous petition submission, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at (571) 272-4210. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kakali Chaki; Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-3719.

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Applicant	: Patricia M. Savu	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7662896	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 02/16/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/184,332	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 08/01/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of	:	
GUPTA, Shyam K.	:	
Application No. 12/184,340	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 01, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No.	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed January 29, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by Shyam K. Gupta attesting that he is over 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4231.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1618 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of: BISKEBORN, ROBERT G.
Application No.: 12/184357
Filed: 08/01/2008
Title: MAGNETIC RECORDING HEAD HAVING REINFORCING ISLANDS

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 1, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1, 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.4, and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.2, 6.3, and 6.5 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Discussion

When referring to "the petition" herein below, the received papers under consideration include the four page PTO/SB/28 form "Petition to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program", the "pre-examination search document" (PESD) including pages 1-54; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-6, and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching in the following class/subclasses combinations:
29/603.07, 603.11, 603.16,
216/22, 52, and
360/119.01, 119.04, 119.11.

The following (judiciously combined) keywords search must be performed, preferably in the databases recommended:

EAST/WEST: magnetic, head, gap, island, etching, milling.

NPL - IEEE Xplore Database: magnetic, head, gap

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.2 outlined above, the petition fails to identify all of the limitations in the application claims that are disclosed in each of the reference(s) and where the limitation is disclosed in each of the cited reference. As stated in the policy published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), for each reference cited, the examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. The policy statement does not caveat "the independent claims", nor does it allow for grouping and general discussions. A grantable petition must delineate every limitation of every claim and identify where the equivalent limitation is disclosed in each piece of prior art cited on the IDS. As is published on www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/ in "Guidelines for Applicants under the new accelerated examination procedures"):

> *For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Applicants should specify where in each of the cited references the particular claim limitations are found. This process is intended to be analogous to the analysis an examiner uses when locating a relevant prior art reference and then determining whether the reference contains the claimed limitation. For each claimed limitation, the examiner would consider the disclosure of the reference and all reasonable portions in the reference where the limitation is shown. When preparing an Office Action, the examiner would correlate the limitation to the portion of reference which best characterizes the limitation. This part of the AESD is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of every conceivable subjective interpretation of how a claim limitation may read on the reference. Applicants should point out what are considered to be the relevant representations of the limitation in the*

reference. A limitation may be found in more than one portion of the reference and should be pointed out, yet the intention is not to have applicants point out every conceivable interpretation. The USPTO will adopt a rule of reason when evaluating this portion of the AESD. Unless the representation is so deficient that it would materially effect examination of the application (e.g., numerous instances where the limitations are not shown where applicant states they are), the representation will be deemed to be sufficient for this part of the AESD.

Petitioner's submission is not specific enough. Petitioner points out some limitations of some of the claims and provides direction to areas of the prior art where the corresponding limitation may be found. Petitioner does not address <u>each discrete limitation</u> (i.e., each single limitation,.NOT multiple limitations bundled together) and state where it is (<u>or state that it is not</u>) found in each one of the most closely related prior art.
For example, with respect to Saliba '963, the limitations in clause (c) are not addressed at all. The mappings unto Suda '069 and Granstrom ' 109 suffer from similar shortcomings. Note that a general discussion of the teachings of each reference is not necessary. Petitioner may leave it in the AESD, but it not neither necessary, nor required. The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") all the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) and by indicating where <u>each discrete limitation</u> (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) of each one of said presently filed claims is taught (or is not taught) in <u>each one</u> of the most closely related references that is cited, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Limitations for which antecedent basis has been established and mapped unto the prior art reference need not be mapped repeatedly (the first time suffice). However limitations not disclosed must be specifically singled out (without bundling with disclosed limitations – to the extent possible). Note that disclosure may be express, implicit, or inherent. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., statements that do not spell out the text of the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. The requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single limitation unto the prior art (NOT for comments or summaries of the prior art features that may be relevant to the claimed limitations). Section II element 6.2 is not the proper venue to imply patentability by bundling limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

With respect to the requirements of section II element 6.3 outlined above, the petition fails to provide a detailed explanation of how each one of the claims is patentable over (each of) the reference(s) with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Petitioners should be specific in their explanation and include the identification of specific claim limitations that support their position, where appropriate. Petitioners must distinguish each claim from each piece of prior art cited.

In the instant petition, it is not clear why clauses that were not stated to be disclosed by the most relevant prior art, are not commented upon as defining over the relevant reference. In other words there is a gap between what is claimed, what is mapped unto the prior art in section II: 6.2, and what is argued to define over the prior art in the present section II: 6.3. For example, the limitations of clause (c) are neither mapped unto Saliba '963, nor stated to define over it. For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of section II, element 6.3.

The requirement of section II element 6.3 can be satisfied by indicating for each one of the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) which specific i.e., discrete limitation(s) in each one of said presently filed claims define(s) over each one of the most closely related references that is cited. This patentability showing should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. Patentability arguments must specifically spell out the relevant limitation(s); prior art patents can be referred to by the last name of the first inventor. Statements such as "Reference A does not teach limitation II(b)" will suffice, as long as the name of "Reference A" and the text of the clause and/or the text of the specific "limitation II(b)" are fully spelled out in the statement. Lack of obviousness analysis for combining two or more references should be performed when a "most closely related prior art" reference indicates reasons for such combination. A conclusion statement should concisely explain what Petitioner believes to be THE limitation(s) that defines the claimed invention over the prior art, accompanied by a pointed explanation, if needed. With regard to each dependent claim, there should be an unequivocal statement whether the patentability of each dependent claim is predicated solely on that of the claim from which it depends (e.g., "Dependent claim X is patentable solely because of the limitations of the claims from which it depends" - will suffice), or Applicant should provide a detailed explanation of patentability specific to that particular claim (only if the claim recites new limitations that further define over the prior art).

The following comment relates to the possibility that Petitioner may find through the re-opened search new prior art deemed to be more closely related to the claimed invention than the references presently cited or, that upon reconsideration, some references may not be deemed anymore most closely related to the claimed invention.

If applicant wishes to cite references that are not required in an AESD for the examiner to consider, applicant may submit such references in a separate Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98. Applicant should clearly identify the IDS of the AESD that is in support of the petition to make special and, similarly, applicant should clearly identify the separate IDS that is not in support of the petition. Consistent with 37 CFR §10.18, any reference submitted in a separate IDS that is not part of an AESD will be treated as a representation by applicant to the USPTO that no reference submitted in the separate IDS is deemed closer to the subject matter of at least one claim than the references provided in the AESD.

In practical terms, Applicant is permitted to replace one or more of the presently submitted most closely related prior art references in support of the AESD with newly discovered most closely related prior art references, provided that each reference is cited in either the IDS in support of the AESD, or in the IDS that is filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.5 outlined above, Petitioner's attention is drawn to the requirements relevant under 35 U.S.C 112, 6th paragraph, listed above. Should this requirement not apply to the present application, Petitioner should make a statement in this regard.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address all of the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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In re Application of: BISKEBORN, ROBERT G. et al.
Serial No.: 12/184357
Filed: 08/01/2008
Title: MAGNETIC RECORDING HEAD HAVING REINFORCING ISLANDS

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration filed on May 18, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The request has been treated as a renewed petition to make the above-identified application special and has been viewed as a supplement to and in combination with the original petition which was filed on August 1, 2008 and dismissed in the Office letter of April 16, 2009.

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the conditions as outlined in the prior petition decision. The conditions are not repeated herein.

REVIEW OF FACTS

As stated in the decision of April 16, 2009 conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.4 and 6.6 were considered to have been met. However, the petition failed to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.2, 6.3, and 6.5. Upon reconsideration, the petition still fails to meet the requirements of at least condition(s) II: 6.2. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DISCUSSION

In the dismissal of the petition dated April 16, 2009, the Examiner noted with regard of satisfying the requirements of condition II: 6.2, *inter alia*:
"The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") all the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) and by indicating where <u>each discrete limitation</u> (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) of each one of

said presently filed claims is taught (or is not taught) in each one of the most closely related references that is cited, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was inadvertently omitted."

Petitioner failed to follow the above instructions, and as a result the filing lacks specificity and accuracy, and as a result it is not clear.

Petitioner mapping of claim 1 limitations unto Granstrom 7031109 is reproduced below from p. 3 of the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD):

(a) fabricating a plurality of island structures (Not disclosed)

in a recording gap of a magnetic recording head (Not disclosed);

(b) exposing a substantial portion of said plurality of island structures (Not disclosed)
by removing at least a portion of the surrounding recording gap material (Not disclosed)
via at least one etching process, including ion milling (Not disclosed);

(c) coating said magnetic recording head (Col. 5, lines 53-61)
containing said plurality of island structures with a coating material (Not disclosed),
including silicon nitride or aluminum oxide (Col. 5, lines 56-60); and

(d) removing an excess amount of said coating material (Not disclosed)

via a removal process, including chemical-mechanical polishing or lapping (Not disclosed),
to expose an uppermost region of at least a portion of said plurality of island structures (Not disclosed).

Upon inspection, it is noticed that "the magnetic recording head" of clause (a) which is labeled "(Not disclosed)" becomes in clause (c) taught as being coated (col. 5, lines 56-60). As a further example, the "coating material" of clause (c) is labeled as (Not disclosed), but the specific coating substances, i.e., "silicone nitride or alumina oxide" are recognized as being taught on col. 5, lines 56-60.

Actually, Granstrom teaches a magnetic recording head 100 (col. 4, l. 36) that is coated with a basecoat layer 105 (col. 4, l. 49) made from silicone nitride (col. 4, l. 53) or alumina oxide (col. 4, l. 52). Hence the two substances are taught per se, and also as being the coating materials. The relevant portions of Granstrom are reproduced below:

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A magnetic recording head **100**, illustrated in FIG. **1**, includes substructures including a substrate **102**, a basecoat layer **105**, a reader portion **112**, a writer portion **132**, an

And further

The basecoat layer **105** functions to electrically isolate the reader portion **112** from the substrate **102**. The basecoat layer **105** is generally made from insulating materials such as aluminum oxide (Al_2O_3), aluminum nitride (AlN), silicon dioxide (SiO_2), silicon nitride (Si_3N_4), or of an electrically dissipative material. The electrically dissipative materials

These are just two examples for lack of specificity, but by no means they are not the only ones. Petitioner was cautioned in the dismissal of April 16, 2009 that:

"Section II element 6.2 is not the proper venue to imply patentability by bundling limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3."

DECISION

For at least the above-stated reason (for failing to meet the requirement of section II: element 6.2), the petition is **DENIED**. The application will remain in its regular status and will be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is reminded that a single opportunity to perfect the petition is given. Therefore, further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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Filed: August 1, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 78873.11US

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 29, 2010 under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on April 8, 2010 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 3721 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

/Irvin Dingle/
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[1] The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).

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In re Application of:
BHADRIRAJU, VIJAY KUMAR, et al.
Serial No.: 12/184,439
Filed: August 01, 2008

Title: **PERSONALIZED TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AND CALLING SYSTEM**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 01, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II. item 6.2.

For these reason cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement in item 6.2 above, the Accelerated Examination Support Document is deficient because section 9(B) titled "Identification of Limitations Disclosed by References" fails to identify all of the limitations in the claim of the application that are disclosed by each reference cited and specifying where each limitation is disclosed by each cited reference as required by item 6.2. Clarification is required.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of:
BHADRIRAJU, VIJAY KUMAR et al
Serial No.: 12/184,439
Filed: August 1, 2008
Attorney Docket No: **BOC920070077US2**
Title: **PERSONALIZED TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AND CALLING SYSTEM**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on May 29, 2009 requesting reconsideration to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

All of the requirements to correct the deficiencies outlined in the petition decision mailed April 29, 2009 have been met.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the

examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not

file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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Application No. 12/184,439	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 1, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. BOC920070077US2	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 12, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

The Office will no longer accept address changes to a new practitioner or law firm filed with a Request, absent the filing of a power of attorney to the new representative. The Office will either change the correspondence address of record to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71 or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record under 37 CFR 3.71, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor.

Accordingly, the request to withdraw from record cannot be approved because the request to change the correspondence address does not include a proper power of attorney nor is the address that of: (1) the first named inventor; or (2) an assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-identified address until otherwise properly notified.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4618.

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In re Application of: MAKI, ANDREW BENSON et al. Application No.: 12/184,450 Filed: August 1, 2008 Title: ENHANCED ON-CHIP INDUCTANCE STRUCTURE UTILIZING SILICON THROUGH VIA TECHNOLOGY	: : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 1, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

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The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

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6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

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6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1, 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.4, 6.5, and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.2, and 6.3 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Discussion

When referring to "the petition" herein below, the received papers under consideration include the four page PTO/SB/28 form "Petition to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program", the "pre-examination search document" (PESD) including pages 1-25; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-34, and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching in the following classes/subclasses combinations:

29/602.1, 604-609, 852;

336/223, 232;

257/E21.022, 528, 531;

438/123, 238, 381, 622

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.2 outlined above, the petition fails to identify all of the limitations in the application claim that are disclosed in each of the reference(s) and where the limitation is disclosed in each of the cited reference. As stated in the policy published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), for each reference cited, the examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. The policy statement does not caveat "the independent claims", nor does it allow for grouping and general discussions. A grantable petition must delineate every limitation of every claim and identify where the equivalent limitation is disclosed in each piece of prior art cited on the IDS. As is published on www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/ in "Guidelines for Applicants under the new accelerated examination procedures"):

> *For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Applicants should specify where in each of the cited references the particular claim limitations are found. This process is intended to be analogous to the analysis an examiner uses when locating a relevant prior art reference and then determining whether the reference contains the claimed limitation. For each claimed limitation, the examiner would consider the disclosure of the reference and all reasonable portions in the reference where the limitation is shown. When preparing an Office Action, the examiner would correlate the limitation to the portion of reference which best characterizes the limitation. This part of the AESD is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of every conceivable subjective interpretation of how a claim limitation may read on the reference. Applicants should point out what are considered to be the relevant representations of the limitation in the reference. A limitation may be found in more than one portion of the reference and should be pointed out, yet the intention is not to have applicants point out every*

conceivable interpretation. The USPTO will adopt a rule of reason when evaluating this portion of the AESD. Unless the representation is so deficient that it would materially effect examination of the application (e.g., numerous instances where the limitations are not shown where applicant states they are), the representation will be deemed to be sufficient for this part of the AESD.

Petitioner's submission is not specific enough. Petitioner points out some limitations of the claim and provides direction to areas of the prior art where the corresponding limitation may be found. Petitioner does not address each discrete limitation (i.e., each single limitation, NOT multiple limitations bundled together) and state where it is (or state that it is not) found in each one of the most closely related prior art. For example, on p. 9 of the AESD, with regard to a claimed magnetic layer, Petitioner states in the second paragraph that the '359 patent does not teach it. However, as early as in the Abstract, the '359 patent discloses magnetic material layers 12 and 14. The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") the presently filed claim (i.e., the claim of the instant application) and by indicating where each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) of said presently filed claim is taught (or is not taught) in each one of the most closely related references that is cited, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., recitations that do not spell out the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. Applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single limitation unto the prior art. Section II element 6.2 is not the proper venue to imply patentability by bundling limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

With respect to the requirements of section II element 6.3 outlined above, the petition fails to provide a detailed explanation of how each one of the claims is patentable over (each of) the reference(s) with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Petitioners should be specific in their explanation and include the identification of specific claim limitations that support their position, where appropriate. Petitioners must distinguish each claim from each piece of prior art cited. General statements that the claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited references or that the references are not properly combinable will not be acceptable. The Office cannot infer or guess what petitioner believes the differences between the claims and the teachings of the prior art to be. Petitioner's statements must also be consistent and must be related to the claim language. In the instant petition, on p. 30 of the AESD, Petitioner listed 20 lines of limitations as defining, taken together, over the prior art. For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of section II, element 6.3. The requirement of section II element 6.3 can be satisfied by indicating for the presently filed claim (i.e., the claim of the instant application) which specific i.e., discrete limitation(s) in said presently filed claim define(s) over each one of the most closely related references that is cited. This patentability showing should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. Patentability arguments must specifically spell out

the relevant limitation(s); prior art patents can be referred to by the last name of the first inventor. Statements such as "Reference A does not teach limitation II(b)" must be avoided.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address all of the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4828. In his absence, an inquiry can be directed to J. Harrison, Special Program Examiner, at 571 272-4449.

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In re Application of: MAKI, ANDREW BENSON et al. Serial No.: 12/184450 Filed: August 1, 2008 Title: ENHANCED ON-CHIP INDUCTANCE STRUCTURE UTILIZING SILICON THROUGH VIA TECHNOLOGY	: : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration filed on November 11, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The request has been treated as a renewed petition to make the above-identified application special and has been viewed as a supplement to and in combination with the original petition which was filed on August 1, 2008 and dismissed in the Office letter of October 17, 2008.

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the conditions as outlined in the prior petition decision. The conditions are not repeated herein.

REVIEW OF FACTS

In the Petition for Reconsideration, Petitioner failed to satisfy the following requirements for making the application special for the purpose of Accelerated Examination: requirements II: 5.2 (statement missing), 5.3 (statement missing), 6.4 (missing), 6.5 (missing), and 6.6 (missing). The discussion below will address only the additional deficiencies of the request for reconsideration filed November 11, 2008, and will not address statements made in the initial petition filed August 1, 2008, and found to be compliant with certain conditions.

DISCUSSION

Failure to satisfy conditions II: 5.2 and 5.3. The following statements are missing, since a new search was carried out and new and more closely related prior art was found and applied (the numerals refer to the requirements listed in the Federal Register, cited above):

"8(B) Search Directed to the Invention
The pre-examination search was directed to the claimed invention, encompassing all the features of the claim and giving the claim its broadest reasonable interpretation.
8(C) Search Directed to the Disclosure
No disclosed features that are unclaimed at this time are currently seen as features that may be claimed later.
8(D) Search Report from a Foreign Patent Office
No search report from a foreign patent office is provided here as the pre-examination search.
8(E) Statement of Good Faith
All statements above in support of the petition to make special are based on a good faith belief that the search was conducted in compliance with the requirements of this rule."

Failure to satisfy condition II: 6.3. The Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD) lacks a detailed explanation of how the claim is patentable over the reference cited with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). In particular, 37 CFR 1.111 (c) requires:

"(c) ..... the applicant ... must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited ..."

As an example of a statement that is believed to be inaccurate, on p. 10 of the AESD, Petitioner states (see excerpt reproduced below):

> As an example, the method of enhancing inductance of an on-chip inductance structure, with various processing steps of depositing, patterning, and filling steps (e.g. for magnetic top layer over dielectric material, to produce on-chip inductance structure, in the toroid configuration), mentioned above, is very unique, as compared with the reference above. These processing steps are neither obvious nor well-known. None of the other references examined, alone or in combination, teaches the features listed above as missing from Hudson et al. (which are mentioned above, in parenthesis, for each section). Thus, none of the features above are obvious from any other reference, alone or in combination. Thus, the claim is patentably distinguishable over each of these

The statement "These processing steps (as understood, the statement refers to "depositing, patterning, and filling") are neither obvious nor well known". It is believed that this statement is technologically inaccurate. Also the statement: "Thus none of the other references examined,

alone or in combination, teaches the features listed above..." Since there is only one reference identified as the most closely related prior art, it is not clear to which "other references" Petitioner is referring.

The requirement of section II element 6.3 can be satisfied by indicating for the presently filed claim (i.e., the claim of the instant application) which specific i.e., discrete limitation(s) in each one of said presently filed claim define(s) over each one of the most closely related references that is cited. This patentability showing should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. Patentability arguments must specifically spell out the relevant limitation(s); prior art patents can be referred to by the last name of the first inventor. Statements such as "Reference A does not teach limitation II(b)" will suffice, as long as the reference name and the text of the specific limitation are fully spelled out in the statement. Lack of obviousness analysis for combining two or more references should be performed when a "most closely related prior art" reference clearly indicates reasons for such combination.

Failure to satisfy condition II: 6.6. The requirements of this section have been omitted entirely from the petition. Petitioner must provide an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c). If no references are disqualified under 35 USC 103(c) a statement to that effect should be made. In the present case, since a new search was performed, and a new most closely related prior art reference was identified and analyzed, a statement with regard to 35 USC 103(c) should have been made.

DECISION

For at least the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**. The application will remain in its regular status and will be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is reminded that a single opportunity to perfect the petition is given. Therefore, further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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Andrew Benson Maki et al.	:	
Application No. 12/184,450	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 1, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. ROC920070659US1	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 12, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

The Office will no longer accept address changes to a new practitioner or law firm filed with a Request, absent the filing of a power of attorney to the new representative. The Office will either change the correspondence address of record to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71 or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record under 37 CFR 3.71, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor.

Accordingly, the request to withdraw from record cannot be approved because the request to change the correspondence address does not include a proper power of attorney nor is the address that of: (1) the first named inventor; or (2) an assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-identified address until otherwise properly notified.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4618.

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Application No. 12/184,467
Filed: August 1, 2008
Attorney Docket No. CL1607USDIV 1

DECISION DISMISSING PETITIONS UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) AND (a)(6)

This is a decision on the correspondence entitled, "PETITION TO THE DIRECTOR TO CORRECT PRIORITY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.182 AND 181," filed May 12, 2010. The correspondence is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional and provisional applications set forth in the concurrently filed amendment.

The petition is **DISMISSED**

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000 and after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) must be accompanied by:

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) and 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(i) and 1.78(a)(5)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
(2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The petition does not comply with item (1).

The amendment is not acceptable as drafted since it improperly incorporates by reference Application No. 10/943,199. An incorporation by reference statement added after an application's filing date is not effective because no new matter can be added to an application after its filing date (*see* 35 U.S.C. § 132(a)). If an incorporation by reference statement is included in an amendment to the specification to add a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 after the filing date of the application, the amendment would not be proper. When a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is submitted after the filing of an application, the reference to the prior application cannot include an incorporation by reference statement of the prior application. *See* Dart Industries v. Banner, 636 F.2d 684, 207 USPQ 273 (C.A.D.C. 1980). *Note* MPEP §§ 201.06(c) and 608.04(b). It is noted that the other applications listed in the amendment were incorporated by reference into the application on August 1, 2008.

Also, 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) require a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the required language, the statement is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR §§1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a))(6). If this is not a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition, petitioners should promptly notify the Office.

Before the petition under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) can be granted, a renewed petition and either an Application Data Sheet or a substitute amendment (complying with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121 and 37 CFR 1.76(b)(5)) to correct the above matter(s) are required.

Petitioners have paid only $400.00 toward the $1,410.00 surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t). Therefore, deposit account no. 50-1447 will be charged the balance due, $1,010.00.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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Michael Leo West et al.	:	
Application No. 12/184,473	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filing Date: August 1, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 36677.42	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 17, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (Notice), mailed October 14, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 15, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of replacement drawings, (2) the petition fee of $810 (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to be acknowledged as attorney of record regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney document must be submitted.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. *See* In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the $865 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on August 18, 2009, was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at 571-272-4584.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing.

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Filed: August 1, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 068108-5006US	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed July 20, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement from the first named applicant declaring that he is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2434 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

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Steven C. Erickson et. al.
Serial No.: 12/184670
Filed: August 1, 2008
Docket: RPS920080134US1

Title: **DYNAMIC DETERMINATION OF A MINIMAL CONFIGURED PRODUCT TO ACHIEVE DESIRED TEST COVERAGE**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 1, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. The application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;
3. The application, at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention;
5. The petition must be filed with the application.

The application as filed is not eligible for the accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) because it is a utility application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a) and was not complete. The Notice to File Corrected Application papers mailed on August 8, 2008 is evidence that the application was not complete and in condition for examination at the time of filing.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is denied. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3719. If attempts to reach the undersigned are unsuccessful, Mano Padmanabhan., Quality Assurance Specialist can be reached at (571) 272-4210.

/Kakali Chaki/

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In re Application of	
IIZUKA et al	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Application No.: 12/184,678	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Filed: 01 August 2008	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Attorney Docket No.: 329969US26	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
For: MULTIPLE-RESONANCE	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
ANTENNA	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 09 April 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Discussion

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

1. The U.S. application is

    a. a Paris Convention application which either
        i. validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or

    b. a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
        iii. contains no priority claim, or

    c. a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or

iii. contains no priority claim;

2. Applicant must submit a copy of:
   a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s);
   b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
3. Applicant must:
   a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
   b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;
4. Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
5. Applicant must submit:
   a. Documentation of prior office action:
      i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
      ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
      iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;
   b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
6. Applicant must submit:
   a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
   b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);
7. The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html.

This application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision once a formality review is completed.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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In re Application of	:	
McGuire et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/184,716	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 8/1/2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **2016.035**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/14/2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 9 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

As set forth at numeral 7 in the Requirements section of the Notice, the petition to make special must be accompanied by a request for early publication and the publication fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d). Petitioner's deposit account has been charged the $300 early publication fee in accordance with this notice.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Tom Dunn at 571-272-1171.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1797 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Tom Dunn/

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ON PETITION

In re Application of
DeVries, et al.
Application No. 12/184,719
Filed: August 1, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 90261.21579
For: PORTABLE DRAG COMPRESSOR POWERED MECHANICAL VENTILATOR

This is a decision on the petition filed October 20, 2008, entitled, "PETITION FOR DATE OF DEPOSIT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181." The petition requests, in effect, the withdrawal of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, mailed August 18, 2008, to the extent the Notice states Figures 1A-1D are missing.

The petition, treated under 37 CFR 1.53(e) is **DISMISSED**.

The application was filed August 1, 2008.

The Office of Patent Application Processing mailed a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers on August 18, 2008. The Notice stated, *inter alia*, that Figures 1A-1D, while referenced in the specification, did not appear to be part of the application as filed.

The present petition alleges that all drawings intended to be filed were filed on August 1, 2008. The petition indicates the application includes only a Figure 1, not Figures 1A-1D.

However, the Notice mailed August 18, 2008, was correct in stating that Figures 1A-1D described in the specification appeared to have been omitted from the application papers. The description of Figure 1 in "Brief Description of the Drawings" contained subparts a-d. Therefore, the "Notice" was properly mailed and will not be withdrawn.[1]

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[1] Attention is directed to MPEP 601.01(g) which reads in part:

> The Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) reviews application papers to determine whether all of the figures of the drawings that are mentioned in the specification are present in the application. If the application is filed without all the drawing figure(s) referred to in the specification, and the application [is entitled to a filing date], OPAP will mail a "Notice of Omitted Item(s)" indicating that the application papers . . . are lacking some of the figures of drawings described in the specification.

Accordingly, the petition is **dismissed**.

Since the present petition was not necessitated by any error on the part of the Office, the $400 petition fee will not be refunded.

In the future, petitioners should make certain when reviewing the application prior to filing that all figures of drawings are correctly labeled and described in the brief description and elsewhere in the specification.

The application is being returned to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing with a filing date of **August 1, 2008**. The original application papers will include only those application papers present on the date of deposit.

The examiner of record will consider the formal amendment to the specification, filed with the present petition, deleting the references to "A-D" with respect to Figure 1.

Telephone inquiries may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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Each application received by OPAP must be individually reviewed for compliance with both the statutory requirements for according an application a filing date and for compliance with various requirements of the rules. Many of the applications concern complex technology. Accordingly, the employees of OPAP, who are not trained engineers or scientists, are not expected to make a detailed comparison of the written description and drawings. To do so would require a greater expenditure of time and resources, with a resulting increased cost, than are currently allocated. In the past, applicants and practitioners have indicated to the PTO that such increases are undesired. Therefore, if a Figure listed in the specification is not clearly present, OPAP sends a Notice and does not examine the content of the drawings and specification to determine whether the Figure may have been unlabeled or mislabeled.

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In re Application of
David J. Huber

Application No. 12184729

Filed: August 1,2008

Attorney Docket No. FTT-410R

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 25-MAR-2010 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of
Lyons, et al.
Application No. 12/184,742
Filed: 1 August, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 20177/P01104

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 16 March, 2009, under 37 C.F.R. §1.47.

The petition as considered under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) requires: (1) petition and fee; (2) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification: description, claims and drawings); (3) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §115 and §116; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor(s)—with diligence in the effort to ascertain the validity of the address set forth as the reasonably believed to be last known/current/valid address.

BACKGROUND

The record indicates:

The instant application was filed on 1 August, 2008, without, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath/declaration.

The Office mailed a Notice of Missing Parts on 14 August, 2008.

On Monday, 16 March, 2009, Petitioner Christopher N. George (Reg. No. 51,728) filed a petition with, *inter alia*, an oath/declaration signed by Mr. Muie (for himself and on behalf of) but not the non-signing co-inventor Martin Stephen Lyons (Mr. Lyons)—with a showing that the

entire application (description, claims, abstract, drawings) had been sent to and received by Mr. Lyons and that he subsequently failed, and so constructively refused, to sign/join in the oath/declaration for/and the application. (*See* MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a), et seq.)

Petitioner's included copy of the 9 March, 2009, letter from Handan Cikar to Mr. Lyons is construed as Petitioner's required statement of the last known/reasonably believed to be valid address of Mr. Lyons (and a correction of the information previously set forth in the application data sheet, which Petitioner might seek to update) in light of Mr. Lyons signed receipt therefore. Petitioner ***must*** *notify the Office if this is* ***not*** *a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.*

Petitioners always are reminded that for transmission by Email of any document to be accepted by the Office, written acknowledgment of receipt and readability will be required.

The availability of applications and application papers online to applicants/practitioners who diligently associate their Customer Number with the respective application(s) now provides an applicant/practitioner on-demand information as to events/transactions in an application. Thus, now if one wishes to know the progress in and/or status of an application or the accuracy of the data therein, one need only look at the file online.

Out of an abundance of caution, Petitioners always are reminded that those registered to practice *and* all others who make representations before the Office must inquire into the underlying facts of representations made to the Office and support averments with the appropriate documentation–since all owe to the Office the continuing duty to disclose.[1]

CONCLUSION

The instant petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) is **granted** (status is accorded pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a).)

As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The instant application is released to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further processing in due course.

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[1] See supplement of 17 June, 1999. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting a statement made by Petitioner. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178, 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109)(applicant obligated under 37 C.F.R. §10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing statements to the Patent and Trademark Office). See specifically, the regulations at 37 C.F.R. §10.18.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214—it is noted, however, that all practice before the Office is in writing (see: 37 C.F.R. §1.2[2]) and the proper authority for action on any matter in this regard are the statutes (35 U.S.C.), regulations (37 C.F.R.) and the commentary on policy (MPEP). Therefore, no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's action(s).

/John J. Gillon, Jr./
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[2] The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.2 provide:

§1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

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In re Application of
Lyons, et al.
Application No. 12/184,742
Filed: 1 August, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 20177/P01104

COMMUNICATION

Dear Martin Stephen Lyons:

You are named as an inventor in the above-identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §116 (United States Code), and 37 C.F.R. §1.47 (Code of Federal Regulations), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as an inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 C.F.R. §1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.63.

Should you elect to join in the application, the contact information for Counsel of Record is set forth at the end of this Communication.

Should you seek to identify independent Counsel, you may find the Patent Attorneys/Agents Search engine of assistance (https://oedci.uspto.gov/OEDCI/).

Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (571) 272-3150 or 1 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington, DC area).

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214—it is noted, however, that all practice before the Office is in writing (see: 37 C.F.R. §1.2[1]) and the proper authority for action on any matter in this regard are the statutes (35 U.S.C.), regulations (37 C.F.R.) and the commentary on policy (MPEP). Therefore, no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's action(s) Moreover, the Office can neither advise you nor recommend Counsel in this matter.

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In re Application of:
GROEZINGER, FRANK
Serial No.: 12/184,806
Filed: August 1, 2008
Docket: DE920080117US1 (105132)
Title: CONNECTING STANDARD OPERATING SYSTEM WINDOWS WITH A VISUAL TACK

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 1, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I.1 – I.4, II.5.1, II.5.3, II.6.1, II.6.3, II.6.4 and II.6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II.5.2, II.6.2, and II.6.5 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and items II.5.2 above, the preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims.

Based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following class and subclass (where the application has been classified and docketed) is recommended in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: Class 715, subclasses 790 (overlap control).

With respect to the database searches, the claim limitations some of which have been identified as patentable features distinguishing the claimed invention from the cited prior art (such as "obtaining a pixel position for the user selected position; determining which of the two separate windows are located at the pixel position and storing the result of this determination in a manager application; associating a command application. . .to all windows located at the pixel position; causing an electronic tack icon to be displayed at the user selected position; implement each of the following commands. . .close window" as recited in claim 1) or any search terms covering these limitations do not appear to have been included in the search. Petitioner should review all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarifications if deemed necessary.

With respect to the search logic identified, and in particular with respect to the instant claim, the text search appears to be incomplete. It is recommended that the following search terms be included in an updated search. Such example search terms (shown below) should be searched in singular or in combination:

(pixel coordinates) with (window frame screen) with (tack thumbtack pushpin pin)

(group$3 cascad$3 link$3) with (window frame screen) with (tack thumbtack pushpin pin) with (command$3 action)

(group$3 cascad$3 link$3) with (window frame screen) with (tack thumbtack pushpin pin) with (mov$3 alter$3)

The additional search recommendations were confirmed with and recommended by a (primary) examiner in the pertinent art area.

The petitioner should review the Detailed Explanation of Patentability section in view of any updated search and/or clarifications and provide clarifications, as necessary, to

ensure compliance with the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item 6.3 above.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(2) and item 6.2 above, the Petitioner should provide an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. While the Petitioner has provided an identification of all the limitations and the portion of the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed, some of the citations to the references appear to be incorrect. For instance, with respect to the Hoeber reference, the Petitioner states the limitation, *implement user instructions to overlap the at least two separate windows* is taught in the Art Background. However, it is not clear where this section discloses this limitation, particularly the overlapping of windows. Similarly, the Petitioner points to column 7, lines 1-20 for teaching the limitation, *implement user instructions to position an electronic tack icon at a user selected position on an overlapping portion of the at least two separate windows*; however, it is not clear how this section discloses the user *selecting a position on an overlapping portion of the at least two separate windows*. Clarification is required.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(5) and item 6.5 above, the Petitioner should provide a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. The Petitioner refers to paragraph [0009] for the limitations reciting, *implement user instructions to open at least two separate user windows on a display; implement user instructions to overlap the at least two separate windows.* However, it is not clear how paragraph [0009] supports these limitations. Clarification is required. Similarly, the Petitioner points to paragraph [0011] for supporting the limitation, *associating a command application with each of the at least two separate windows. . .distributes the command to all windows located at the pixel position.* However, it is not clear how paragraph [0011] supports this limitation. The Petitioner points to paragraph [0012] for supporting the limitation, *implement each of the following commands simultaneously for all windows. . .move window, bring window to front of non-tacked window, close window.* However, paragraph [0012] does not appear to support all of the features of this limitation such as "move window, bring window to front of non-tacked window, close window". Clarification is required.

Thus, the petition does not meet the conditions II.5.2, II.6.2 and II.6.5 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date

of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3595.

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In re Application of: Frank Groezinger Serial No.: 12/184,806 Filed: August 1, 2008 Docket: DE920080117US1 (105132) Title: CONNECTING STANDARD OPERATING SYSTEM WINDOWS WITH A VISUAL TACK	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

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Attorney Docket No.: POP-12-RI	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.78(A)(3)
Title: ACCESS STRUCTURE WITH	:	
BURSTING DETONATOR FOR OPENING	:	
A SEALED PACKAGE	:	

This is a decision on the "PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120 FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRIOR A PRIOR-FILED APPLICATION," filed on August 1, 2008, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of priority to prior-filed non-provisional application 10/831,964, set forth in an amendment to the specification that was filed on August 1, 2008. This petition is being treated as a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3).

This petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) is **GRANTED**.

The present application is for the reissue of U.S. Patent number 7,306,371 (the'371 patent), which issued on December 11, 2007, from application number 11/010,915.

MPEP § 1402 sets forth, *in pertinent part*:

> Correction of failure to adequately claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 in an earlier filed copending U.S. patent application was held a proper ground for reissue. *Sampson v. Comm'r Pat.*, 195 USPQ 136, 137 (D.D.C. 1976). If the utility or plant application which became the patent to be reissued was filed on or after November 29, 2000, the reissue applicant must file a petition for an unintentionally delayed priority claim under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) in addition to filing a reissue application. See MPEP § 201.11. For treatment of an error involving disclaimer of a benefit claim

> under 35 U.S.C. 120, see MPEP 1405. If the utility or plant application which became the patent to be reissued was filed **>before< November 29, 2000 and therefore, not subject to the eighteen-month publication (e.g., one of the categories set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii)(A) - (C)), a petition for an unintentionally delayed benefit claim under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) would not be required to add/correct the benefit claim in the reissue application. This is so, even if the reissue application was filed on or after November 29, 2000. On the other hand, if applicant fails to file an amendment to add a claim for benefit of a prior-filed reissue application in a later-filed reissue application within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2), then a petition for an unintentionally delayed benefit claim under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) along with the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(t) would be required if the later-filed reissue application is a utility or plant application filed on or after November 29, 2000 irrespective of whether the original application which became the original patent was filed **>before< November 29, 2000. This is because the benefit claim is between the later-filed reissue application and the prior-filed reissue application and the benefit claim is not being added to make a correction as to a benefit of the original patent.

Petitioner has submitted this petition, since a 35 U.S.C. 120 benefit claim was unintentionally omitted from the application for the '371 patent, on which patent this reissue application is based.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed applications, unless previously submitted;

(2) the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t), and;

(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)(iii) requires a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

While the statement contained in this renewed petition varies slightly from the language required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)(iii), the statement contained in this petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)(iii), and Petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in this petition.

The petition fee will be charged to Petitioner's Deposit Account in due course, as authorized on the second page of this petition.

Petitioner has included an amendment to the specification and a statement that is being construed as the requisite statement of unintentional delay.

All of the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed nonprovisional application, accompanies this decision on petition.

The granting of this petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) is not to be construed as meaning that this reissue application is entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application. In order for this reissue application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application is not to be construed as meaning that Applicant is entitled to the benefit of priority to the prior-filed application, the claim for which is noted on the corrected Filing Receipt. Accordingly, the Examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the reissue application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

Jurisdiction over this reissue application is being forwarded to the Technology Center for consideration by the examiner of applicant's entitlement to claimed benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the prior-filed application, and for further processing of this reissue application, in a manner not inconsistent with this decision.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Senior Attorney Paul Shanoski at (571) 272-3225.[1]

Anthony Knight
Supervisor
Office of Petitions

Encl. Corrected Filing Receipt

1 Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for any further action(s) of Petitioner.

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Receipt is acknowledged of this reissue patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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John A. Cook
Serial No.: 12/184,813
Filed: August 01, 2008
Docket: AUS920080366US1 (105124)

Title: STRUCTURED REPRESENTATION OF INTEGRATION SCENARIOS OF SOFTWARE PRODUCTS

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

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In re Application of: Gene FEIN, et al.
Serial No.: 12/184,866
Filed: August 01, 2008
Docket: 084300-011301/US
Title: MULTI-HOMED DATA FORWARDING STORAGE

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 01, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;
3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.
4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.
5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify:

(1) each means-(or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and

(2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support

under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions [I. 1 - 4, II. 1-5, II. 5.3, and II. 6.1 - II. 6.6] above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with the conditions [II. 5.1 - 5.2]. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP 708.02(a) VIII (C) or I (H), and item II. 5.1 above, the Preexamination Search Document (PESD) must include: *an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass and the date of the search, where applicable*, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file or files searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The PESD fails to identify a field of search by United States class and subclass and the date of the search. The claimed invention encompasses subject matter currently classified in the following Class(es)/subclass(es), and thus, applicable to instant invention. More particularly, based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following class/subclass in addition to class/subclass listed in the pre-examination search document is recommended in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found:

U.S. Field of Search:

709/212 – transferring data between memories of different computer with minimal or no intervention from main processors of the computers.
709/216 - wherein at least one of the computers directly transfers data to or from memory collocated with and allocated to at least one of the other computers.
709/218 - remote data access using interconnected networks.
711/111-114- wherein the accessing memory of the type where a storage medium is e.g. magnetic tape, disks, etc.)

The Petitioner is required to clarify whether the identified field of search (all subclasses of classes mentioned above) were performed as required by the above-mention MPEP section (the identified classes and subclasses were searched in their entirety and not limited by any text query or other means) and what USPTO database(s) were used; or if they were combined (i.e. the text search logic used was utilized in combination with the class/subclass), identify the logic and the combination of searches.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a) (I) (H) (2) and item II 5.2 above, the Preexamination Search Document (PSD) must: be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation.

The Petitioner's preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims, and does not appear to have given the broadest reasonable interpretation.

Specifically, the preexamination search strategy does not encompass **all** of the features of the **claims**, namely, claimed limitation:

..."continuously forwarding...***without storing on any physical storage device in the network***", as recited at least on claims 1, 8 and 13.

It is noted that these features have been identified as key features in the 9(C) Detailed Explanation of Patentability section by applicant to distinguishing the instant claimed subject matter from the cited prior art references deemed most closely related to the claimed invention in the Examination Support Document.

Since the search logic does not include the relevant search terms mentioned above, the alleged patentable features and concept appear to have not been searched. The Petitioner is advised to review the all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure the preexamination search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarification for the deficiencies identified above if deemed necessary.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a)(I)(H)(2) and item II 5.2 above, the Petitioner's preexamination search has not given the broadest reasonable interpretation to the claims.

Specifically, the preexamination text search query provided fails to meet the requirement because of its lack of depth and breadth to cover all concepts the claims recite. The text search query fails for lack of inclusion of applicable terms, and their respective synonyms (see examples), as used in the claimed invention.

These terms include without limitation: **search query lookup; cache disk disc drive RAM NAS DAS; forward$4 push$4 transmi$6 rout$4; p2p or peer-peer; fetch retrieve obtain; status state availability; hash encrypt; multimedia, video image text file;**

Here is an exemplarily search strategy that would complete this requirement by encompassing all of the features of the claims, and giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation. This exemplarily search strategy provides depth and breadth to cover all concepts the claims and thereby would cover features that have not been searched The default proximity operator is "OR".

L1 *(data file software text audio video picture image multimedia media) with without with (storage near2 (volatile medium media device RAM drive NAS)) disk disc cache CD DVD)*

L2 *(forward$4 push$4 supply provid$4) with (file content multimedia data) with (without) with (sav$ stor$4) with (storage near2 (volatile medium media device RAM drive NAS)) disk disc cache CD DVD)*

L3 *(node client neighbor peer) with (forward$4 push$4 supply provid$4 shar$4) with (request$4 file content multimedia data)*

L4 (L1 L2) and L3

L5 L1 and (L2 L3)

Note that the above list of terms and synonyms are not meant to be an exhaustive list, merely an example of various terms and synonyms that can be used to produce a more comprehensive prior art search. Nor these examples are limited only to those sets of search terms provide; each search term used should be evaluated for applicable synonyms. Additionally, searches utilizing other databases should be modified to include the above-mentioned terms and synonyms.

These text search strategies should be added to supplement the classified search performed. It should be noted that it is rare that a text search alone would be considered a complete search strategy. MPEP §904.02 A recommended search strategy is a couple of the most relevant subclasses, searched by themselves, viewing each document or combined in a text search with a few relevant terms. A larger subset of subclasses can be combined with more search terms.

These strategies should (or rough equivalent thereof) be preformed on a database that includes US Patents, US PG Pubs, Foreign Patents and Non Patent Literature.

Petitioner should review all claim limitation, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarification if deemed necessary.

For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of MPEP § 708.02.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-4147.

If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Tod Swann, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-3612.

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In re Application of: Gene FEIN, et al.
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For: MULTI-HOMED DATA FORWARDING STORAGE

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on March 05, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on August 01, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on February 06, 2009.

The renewed petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the new pre-examination search document meets the requirement of MPEP 708.02 (conditions II 5.1-5.2) with respect to a complete search that were deficient in the original petition.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" issued June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not

be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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Attorney Docket No. 26609-7	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed July 20, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by David N. Makous on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first named inventor Mark T. Meddock at the address indicated below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 07/20/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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This is a decision on the Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent of Record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 1, 2010.

The request is **DISMISSED** as involving a moot issue.

A review of the file record indicates that a Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent was submitted by the petitioner on July 20, 2009. Further, the request was approved on August 27, 2009. It is unclear why a duplicate request for withdrawal was submitted. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise properly notified.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3206. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of: ROSS Serial No.: 12/184,882 Filed: August 01, 2008 Docket: ROS45.004 Title: SYSTEM FOR SEARCHING NETWORK ACCESSIBLE DATA SETS	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 1, 2008 to make the above- identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
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If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
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7. Post-Allowance Processing:
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file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application. In addition, Applicant is reminded that due to the dismissal of the previous petition submission, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Rehana Perveen, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3676. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kakali Chaki, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-3719.

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In re Application of
Cheryl A. Schopf

Application No. 12184885

Filed: August 1,2008

Attorney Docket No. FTT-414R

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 20-FEB-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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In re Application of	:	
Scott J. HEALY, et al	:	
Application No. 12/184,981	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 1, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No115.0081USC1/03-047APM-C	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 26, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Cascadia Intellectual Property, has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on February 16, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272- 6735.

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In re Application of	:	
Tzong-Kwang Henry Yeh et al.	:	
Application No. 12/184,987	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 1, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 9145.0066-00	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed July 17, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request cannot be approved because there is no indication that the acts noted in the above-identified certifications have been performed. Refer to Form No. PTO/SB/83 (Updated 4/2008).

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

/Kimberly A. Inabinet/

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Application No. 12/184,987	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. 9145.0066-00	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the renewed Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 6, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

The Office will no longer accept address changes to a new practitioner or law firm filed with a Request, absent the filing of a power of attorney to the new representative. The Office will either change the correspondence address of record to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71 or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record under 37 CFR 3.71, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor.

Accordingly, the request to withdraw from record cannot be approved because the request to change the correspondence address does not include a proper power of attorney nor is the address that of: (1) the first named inventor; or (2) an assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-identified address until otherwise properly notified.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4618.

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In re Application of
Daniel K. Schwartz, et al.
Application No. 12/185,008
Filed: August 1, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 019269-003710US

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed November 19, 2009.

The request is **DISMISSED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Townsend and Townsend and Crew, LLP has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on January 6, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Rob Raney	:	
Application No. 12/185024	:	
Filing or 371(c) Date: 08/01/2008	:	
Attorney Docket Number:	:	
27705	:	ON PETITION

This is a decision on the Petition to Revive an Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 4, 2009.

This Petition is hereby **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers ("Notice"), mailed August 19, 2008. The Notice set a two (2) month period for reply. Extensions of time were available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No complete and proper reply having been received, the application became abandoned November 20, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed April 23, 2009.

Applicant files the present petition and replacement drawings in response to the Notice. The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that the petition includes (1) the reply; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the reply is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing ("OPAP") for processing of the reply to the Notice in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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In re Application of:
AVELLAN, ABEL et al.
Serial No.: 12/185,030
Filed: August 1, 2008

Title: **NOISE REDUCTION SYSTEM AND METHOD THEREOF**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:

If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not

file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ken Wieder, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-2986.

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In re application of	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Jangho Lee	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Serial No. 12/185,047	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Filed: August 1, 2008	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND
For: PRISMATIC LITHIUM ION	:	PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
RECHARGEABLE BATTERY	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d) to make the above-identified application special filed August 1, 2008.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the KIPO, note where the KIPO application with similar claims is not the same application from which the U.S. application claims priority that the applicant must identify the relationship between the KIPO application with similar claims and the KIPO priority application;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of:
   a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the KIPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO to obtain a copy from DAS; however, if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS, the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
   b. An English translation of the allowable/ patentable claim(s), if applicable; and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate, if applicable;

(3) Applicant must:
   a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the KIPO application(s); and
   b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit:
a. Documentation of prior office action:
i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the KIPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claims(s) or
ii. if the allowable/patentable claim(s) are from "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
iii. if the KIPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the KIPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form:
Further, if a copy of the documents from a or b is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS), applicant may request the USPO obtain a copy from the DAS; however, if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy of the DAS, the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
b. An English language translation of the KIPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above if applicable; and
c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit:
a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the KIPO examiner in the KIPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
b. Copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application); and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition fail because:

(3) All of the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the KIPO application(s).

Specifically, the claims of the U.S. application differ significantly from the allowable/patentable claims in the KIPO application. For example, allowable claim 2 of the KIPO application includes components such as "winding shape electrode assembly", "finishing tape" and "lower tape", which may appear to correspond to the components "electrode assembly", "first tape" and "second tape" respectively, however the description of each of these components in the KIPO claims appears to differ significantly from that set forth in the claims of the U.S. application.

Furthermore, the claims correspondence table submitted on August 1, 2008 appears to be incomplete. Note that it appears that the explanation regarding the correspondence for U.S. claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 appears to be truncated in mid-sentence.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO**

EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED. If the deficiencies are not corrected within the time period given, the application with await action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

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Jangho Lee	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Serial No. 12/185,047	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Filed: August 1, 2008	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND
For: PRISMATIC LITHIUM ION	:	PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
RECHARGEABLE BATTERY	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration filed on October 16, 2008 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DENIED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the KIPO, note where the KIPO application with similar claims is not the same application from which the U.S. application claims priority that the applicant must identify the relationship between the KIPO application with similar claims and the KIPO priority application;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of:
   a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the KIPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO to obtain a copy from DAS; however, if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS, the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
   b. An English translation of the allowable/ patentable claim(s), if applicable; and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate, if applicable;

(3) Applicant must:
   a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the KIPO application(s); and
   b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit:
a. Documentation of prior office action:
i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the KIPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claims(s) or
ii. if the allowable/patentable claim(s) are from "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
iii. if the KIPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the KIPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form:
Further, if a copy of the documents from (i) or (ii) is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS), applicant may request the USPO obtain a copy from the DAS; however, if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy of the DAS, the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
b. An English language translation of the KIPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above if applicable; and
c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit:
a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the KIPO examiner in the KIPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
b. Copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application); and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request for reconsideration to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition fail because:

(3) All of the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the KIPO application(s).

The claims presented in the preliminary amendment submitted October 16, 2008 still differ from the allowable/patentable claims in the KIPO application. Specifically, claims 8, 9, 12 and 13 of the preliminary amendment each include the limitation that "the finishing tape and the lower tape do not overlap each other" whereas allowable/patentable claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 each include the limitation that "finishing tape does not overlap the lower part tape". Furthermore, claims 8, 9, 12 and 13 of the preliminary amendment each include the limitation that "a finishing tape which is attached to at least a part of the outer surface of the electrode assembly" whereas allowable/patentable claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 each include the limitation that "a finishing tape which is attached to at least a part of the outer surface of the winding shape electrode".

Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program, and is denied. The application will be taken up by the examiner in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055..

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

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In re Application of: LONGOBARDI, GIUSEPPE
Application No.: 12/185,051
Filed: August 1, 2008
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOTELY ACTIVATING DESTRUCTION OF A GLASS WINDOW

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 1, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;
3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.4 and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 5.1, 5.2, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.5 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Discussion

When referring to "the petition" herein below, the received papers under consideration include the four page PTO/SB/28 form "Petition to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program", the "pre-examination search document" including pages 1-14; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-15, and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.1 and 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching in class 225 subclasses 1, 97, 103-105. The text search should include the following strings: 225.clas. and (window or resona$5). With regard to the statements made on p. 2 of the pre-examination search document, the class/subclass combinations identified by the Petitioner should be searched in entirety. In classes 180, 307 and 318, most relevant subclasses should be identified and searched as well (in addition to the text search). If such subclasses cannot be identified, a statement in this respect should be made. In any case, the most relevant class/subclasses combinations must be searched in full.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.2 outlined above, the petition fails to identify all of the limitations in the application claims that are disclosed in each of the reference(s) and where the limitation is disclosed in each of the cited reference. As stated in the policy published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), for each reference cited, the examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. The policy statement does not caveat "the independent claims", nor does it allow for grouping and general discussions. A grantable petition must delineate every limitation of every claim and identify where the equivalent limitation is disclosed in each piece of prior art cited on the IDS. As is published on www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/ in "Guidelines for Applicants under the new accelerated examination procedures"):

> *For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Applicants should specify where in each of the cited references the particular claim limitations are found. This process is intended to be analogous to the analysis an examiner uses when locating a relevant prior art reference and then determining whether the reference contains the claimed limitation. For each claimed limitation, the examiner would consider the disclosure of the reference and all reasonable portions in the reference where the limitation is shown. When preparing an Office Action, the examiner would correlate the limitation to the portion of reference which best characterizes the limitation. This part of the AESD is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of every conceivable subjective interpretation of how a claim limitation may read on the reference. Applicants should point out what are considered to be the relevant representations of the limitation in the reference. A limitation may be found in more than one portion of the reference and should be pointed out, yet the intention is not to have applicants point out every conceivable interpretation. The USPTO will adopt a rule of reason when evaluating this portion of the AESD. Unless the representation is so deficient that it would materially*

effect examination of the application (e.g., numerous instances where the limitations are not shown where applicant states they are), the representation will be deemed to be sufficient for this part of the AESD.

Petitioner's submission is not specific enough. Petitioner points out some limitations of the claim and provides direction to areas of the prior art where the corresponding limitation may be found. Petitioner does not address each discrete limitation (i.e., each single limitation, NOT multiple limitations bundled together) and state where it is (or state that it is not) found in each one of the most closely related prior art. The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") the presently filed claim (i.e., the claim of the instant application) and by indicating where each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations together to the extent possible) of said presently filed claim is taught (or is not taught) in each one of the cited most closely related references, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., recitations that do not spell out the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that has been cited, one reference at a time. Applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single limitation unto the prior art. Section II element 6.2 is not the place to make patentability arguments by bundling together multiple limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

With respect to the requirements of section II element 6.3 outlined above, the petition fails to provide a detailed explanation of how each one of the claims is patentable over (each of) the reference(s) with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Petitioners should be specific in their explanation and include the identification of specific claim limitations that support their position, where appropriate. Petitioners must distinguish each claim from each piece of prior art cited. General statements that the claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited references or that the references are not properly combinable will not be acceptable. The Office cannot infer or guess what petitioner believes the differences between the claims and the teachings of the prior art to be. Petitioner's statements must also be consistent and must be related to the claim language. In the instant petition, Petitioner chose to bundle limitations together, thus failing to indicate with particularity which actual limitation defines over the prior art, e.g., De Gorter does teach "a glass window" (see title), and he also teaches "vibration frequency" (see col. 1, l. 32). For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of section II, element 6.3. The requirement of section II element 6.3 can be satisfied by indicating for the presently filed claim (i.e., the claim of the instant application) which specific i.e., discrete limitation(s) in said presently filed claim define(s) over each one of the most closely related references that has been cited. This patentability showing should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that has been cited, one reference at a time. Patentability arguments must specifically spell out the relevant limitation(s); prior art patents can be referred to by the last name of the first inventor. Statements such as "Reference A does not teach limitation II(b)" should be avoided.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.5 outlined above, the requirements of this section are not met because lack of specificity. A grantable petition requires petitioner to provide a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. The instant petition only identifies figures and portions of text with respect to claim numbers as opposed to the disclosure of the required claim limitations, addressed individually for each limitation in the claim. The requirement of section II element 6.5 can be satisfied by listing verbatim the presently filed claim (by "copy and paste") and by indicating where the instant application (and separately each one of the priority documents – if applicable) teaches each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations together to the extent possible) in said presently filed claim, by indicating the element number and/or the relevant page and line numbers. Applicant's attention is also drawn to the requirements relevant under 35 U.S.C 112, 6th paragraph, listed above. Should this requirement not apply to the present application, Applicant should make a statement in this regard.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address all of the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4828. In his absence, an inquiry can be directed to J. Harrison, Special Program Examiner, at 571 272-4449.

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In re Application of: LONGOBARDI, GIUSEPPE
Serial No.: 12/185,051
Filed: August 01, 2008
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOTELY ACTIVATING DESTRUCTION OF A GLASS WINDOW

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration filed on October 8, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The request has been treated as a renewed petition to make the above-identified application special and has been viewed as a supplement to and in combination with the original petition which was filed on August 1, 2008 and dismissed in the Office letter of September 9, 2008.

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the conditions as outlined in the prior petition decision. The conditions are not repeated herein.

REVIEW OF FACTS

As stated in the decision of September 9, 2008 conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.3, 6, 6.1-6.4 and 6.6 were considered to have been met. However, the petition failed to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 5.2, 6.2, 6.3, and 6.5. Upon reconsideration, the petition is considered to additionally meet II: 5.1 and 5.2. However, the petition still fails to meet the requirement of section II: 6.2, 6.3, and 6.5. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DISCUSSION

Petitioner failed to satisfy the requirements of condition II: 6.2, because it is believed that his mapping unto the prior art contains omissions, and lacks specificity. For example, on p. 4 of the AESD, Petitioner writes with respect to the De Gorter patent:

the acoustical vibration or mechanical vibration substantially matching **(Not disclosed)** the resonant frequency of the glass window **(Not disclosed)**;

However, De Gorter, on col. 3, ll. 52 et seq., teaches:

> on the top surface of the transducer. By causing the transducer to produce at least 16,000 vibrations per second, there is created in said glass a vibrating condition of such magnitude that the glass will break, either by itself, or under a slight pressure on the surface of the glass adjacent the scratch lines and form a neat cut. The frequency and

The only physical mechanism through which De Gorter's 16, 000 vibrations per second produced by the De Gorter apparatus could create "in said glass a vibrating condition of such magnitude that the glass will break", is by said frequency to "substantially matching the frequency of the glass window" as presently claimed. The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") all the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) and by indicating where <u>each discrete limitation</u> (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) of each one of said presently filed claims is taught (or is not taught) in <u>each one</u> of the most closely related references that is cited, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., recitations that do not spell out the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. Applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single limitation unto the prior art. Section II element 6.2 is not the proper venue to imply patentability by bundling limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

Petitioner failed to satisfy the requirements of condition II: 6.3, because the patentability argument appears to contain errors. For example, on p. 12 of the AESD, Petitioner argues that:

> glass thicknesses. De Gorter does not contemplate the resonant frequency of the underlying substrate, much less disclose matching "acoustical vibration or mechanical vibration" to "the resonant frequency of the glass." Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 is patentable over

For the reasons discussed under the requirement condition II: 6.2, it is believed that De Gorter does teach implicitly said limitation, even though he may not mention specifically "resonant frequency". The requirement of section II element 6.3 can be satisfied by indicating for the presently filed claim (i.e., the claim of the instant application) which <u>specific</u> i.e., <u>discrete</u> limitation(s) in <u>each one</u> of said presently filed claims define(s) over each one of the most closely related references that is cited. This patentability showing should be performed individually, with

regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. Patentability arguments must specifically spell out the relevant limitation(s); prior art patents can be referred to by the last name of the first inventor. Statements such as "Reference A does not teach limitation II(b)" must be avoided.

Petitioner failed to satisfy the requirements of condition II: 6.5 because the showing of support under 35 USC is not specific and detailed enough. For example, on p. 18 of the AESD, Petitioner writes:

> identifying a frequency channel on the glass window, **(Paragraph [0019]-[0021])**

However, as shown below it does not appear that paragraphs [0019]-[0021] teach and enable the step of "identifying a frequency channel of the glass window". If said step is enabled, Petitioner should have been specific as to where said limitation is enabled, as per the instructions below.

> **[0019]** Substrate 200 has thickness 202 separating the top and the bottom surfaces. Channels 220, 222, 223, 224 and 226 are formed within substrate 200 and define a plurality of frequency channels. The frequency channels can be designed and embedded in substrate 200 during the manufacturing process. The frequency channels can be configured to be invisible to the naked eye, yet provide a pre-defined path for destruction of substrate 200 from within.
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> **[0020]** In one embodiment of the disclosure, frequency channels 220, 222, 223, 224 and 226 define a physical path for conveying acoustic or mechanical vibrations broadcasted from resonators (not shown) positioned at locations 210, 212, 214 and 216. The resonator can include any conventional resonator adapted to provide resonant frequency for substrate 200. By forming frequency channels 220, 222, 223, 224 and 226 throughout substrate 200, breaking points and lines can be defined *a priori*. One or more resonator positioned at termination point of the frequency channel (*i.e.*, locations 210, 212, 214 and 216) enable directing the acoustic energy to the frequency channels thereby providing quicker destruction of substrate 200.
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> **[0021]** Frequency channels 220, 222, 223, 224 and 226 can be formed in substrate 200, or they may be naturally occurring fracture points or weak points of substrate 200. Identifying such fracture points enables the resonator to focus its energy directly on such fracture points to more readily shatter substrate 200.

The requirement of section II element 6.5 can be satisfied by listing verbatim the presently filed claim (by "copy and paste") and by indicating where the instant application (and separately each one of the priority documents – if applicable) teaches each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) in each one of said presently filed claim, by indicating the element number and/or the relevant page and line numbers. To the extent possible, Petitioner

should indicate the enablement location in the specification as required by the statute, i.e., "the manner and process of making and using it," rather than pointing to the first occurrence of establishing antecedent for the limitation in the specification. For this reason Petitioner should indicate, to the extent possible, any combination of the element, figure, page, (or paragraph), and line numbers in the specification where the mapped limitation is actually taught and enabled. If the application(s) for which domestic priority is claimed is/are identical to the present application, a statement to this effect in lieu to the required mapping is acceptable. Petitioner's attention is also drawn to the requirements relevant under 35 U.S.C 112, 6th paragraph, listed above. Should this requirement not apply to the present application, Petitioner should make a statement in this regard (requirement presently satisfied).

DECISION

For at least the above-stated reason (for failing to meet the requirement of section II: elements 6.2, 6.3, and 6.5), the petition is **DENIED**. The application will remain in its regular status and will be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is reminded that a single opportunity to perfect the petition is given. Therefore, further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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In re Application of
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Application Number: 12/185,064
Filing Date: August 1, 2008
Attorney Docket Number: 8-02
13017/4263P

DECISION ON PETITIONS

This is a decision on the petition, filed February 10, 2009, under 37 CFR 1.59(b), requesting expungement of the petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 13, 2009. This is also a decision on the petition filed January 13, 2009, under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.59(b)is **GRANTED**.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **DISMISSED** as Moot.

Petitioner request that the information submitted on January 13, 2009, entitled as Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3 pages) be replaced and returned, since it was unintentionally submitted.

37 C.F.R. § 1.59 sets forth:

§ 1.59 Expungement of information or copy of papers in application file.
(a)
(1) Information in an application will not be expunged, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section.
(2) Information forming part of the original disclosure (i.e., written specification including the claims, drawings, and any preliminary amendment specifically incorporated into an executed oath or declaration under §§ 1.63 and 1.175) will not be expunged from the application file.
(b) An applicant may request that the Office expunge information, other than what is excluded by paragraph (a)(2) of this section, by filing a petition under this paragraph. Any petition to expunge information from an application must include the fee set forth in § 1.17(h) and establish to the satisfaction of the Director that the expungement of the information is appropriate in which case a notice granting the petition for expungement will be provided.
(c) Upon request by an applicant and payment of the fee specified in § 1.19(b), the Office will furnish copies of an application, unless the application has been disposed of (see §§ 1.53(e), (f) and (g)). The Office cannot provide or certify copies of an application that has been disposed of.

[48 FR 2710, Jan. 20, 1983, effective Feb. 27, 1983; 49 FR 554, Jan. 4, 1984, effective Apr. 1, 1984; 49 FR 48416, Dec. 12, 1984, effective Feb. 11, 1985; 50 FR 23123, May 31, 1985, effective Feb. 11, 1985; revised, 60 FR 20195, Apr. 25, 1995, effective June 8, 1995; revised, 62 FR 53131, Oct. 10, 1997, effective Dec. 1, 1997; para. (b) revised, 65 FR 54604, Sept. 8, 2000, effective Nov. 7, 2000; para. (b) revised, 68 FR 14332, Mar. 25, 2003, effective May 1, 2003; revised, 68 FR 38611, June 30, 2003, effective July 30, 2003]

Petitioner have established to the satisfaction of the Director that expungement of the information submitted on January 13, 2009 as a petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3 pages)is appropriate.

As such, the electronic document which contains (3 pages) of the petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b), originally filed has been closed in the Office's Image File Wrapper software viewing program.

The petition fee has been received.

As to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b):

The petition filed January 13, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.137(b), is dismissed as moot in view of the granting of the petition to expunge under 37 CFR 1.59(b), filed February 10, 2009.

The request for refund of the petition fee of $1,620.00 for the filing of the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), on January 13, 2009 is granted. The $1,620.00 will be credited to petitioner's credit card account as requested.

The application will be referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

The general phone number for the Office of Petitions, which should be used for status requests, is (571) 272-3282. Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to Karen Creasy at (571) 272-3208.

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In re Application of: ABOU EL KHEIR, TAREK AHMED NABIL Application No.: 12/185,082 Filed: August 02, 2008 Title: MULTI-PURPOSE MINIMALLY INVASIVE INSTRUMENT THAT USES A MICRO ENTRY PORT	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 2, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

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3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

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6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.3, 6, 6.1 and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 5.1, 5.2, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Discussion

When referring to "the petition" herein below, the received papers under consideration include the four page PTO/SB/28 form "Petition to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program", the "pre-examination search document" (PESD) including pages 1-5; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-21, and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.1 and 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching end-to-end in the following class/subclasses combinations:

600/102-107, 114, 204, 227-231, 234 (for the introducer with some electrical tools);
606/1, 13, 14, 32, 34, 41, 45, 46, 50-52 (for more specific electrical tools or systems).

The following keywords search must also be performed limited to classes 600 and 606: holder, introducer, electrical, telescop$3, pivot, hinge, endoscop$2, power supply, probe

Petitioner must also perform a backward/forward search of the following two US patents:
US 6572532 B1
US 5797835 A

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.2 outlined above, the petition fails to identify all of the limitations in the application claims that are disclosed in each of the reference(s) and where the limitation is disclosed in each of the cited reference. As stated in the policy published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), for each reference cited, the examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. The policy statement does not caveat "the independent claims", nor does it allow for grouping and general discussions. A grantable petition must delineate every limitation of every claim and identify where the equivalent limitation is disclosed in each piece of prior art cited on the IDS. As is published on www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/ in "Guidelines for Applicants under the new accelerated examination procedures"):

> *For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Applicants should specify where in each of the cited references the particular claim limitations are found. This process is intended to be analogous to the analysis an examiner uses when locating a relevant prior art reference and then determining whether the reference contains the claimed limitation. For each claimed limitation, the examiner would consider the disclosure of the reference and all reasonable portions in the reference where the limitation is shown. When preparing an Office Action, the examiner would correlate the limitation to the portion of reference which best characterizes the limitation. This part of the AESD is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of every conceivable subjective interpretation of how a claim limitation may read on the reference. Applicants should point out what are considered to be the relevant representations of the limitation in the*

reference. A limitation may be found in more than one portion of the reference and should be pointed out, yet the intention is not to have applicants point out every conceivable interpretation. The USPTO will adopt a rule of reason when evaluating this portion of the AESD. Unless the representation is so deficient that it would materially effect examination of the application (e.g., numerous instances where the limitations are not shown where applicant states they are), the representation will be deemed to be sufficient for this part of the AESD.

Petitioner's submission is not specific enough. Petitioner points out some limitations of some of the claims and provides direction to areas of the prior art where the corresponding limitation may be found. Petitioner does not address each discrete limitation (i.e., each single limitation, NOT multiple limitations bundled together) and state where it is (or state that it is not) found in each one of the most closely related prior art. The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") all the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) and by indicating where each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) of each one of said presently filed claims is taught (or is not taught) in each one of the most closely related references that is cited, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., recitations that do not spell out the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. Applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single limitation unto the prior art. Section II element 6.2 is not the proper venue to imply patentability by bundling limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

As a courtesy clarification, it has been noted that Applicant did not address all the references cited in the IDS, as required. In this respect, Applicant's attention is drawn to the following answer to "Frequently Asked Questions" posted on the USPTO website:

IDS 3. *Will the Office accept an accelerated examination support document (AESD) that contains a list of references in the information disclosure statement (IDS) of the AESD, but does not include any identification and explanation for those references that are not required to be submitted in the IDS of the AESD (i.e., references that are not most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims)?*

No, the AESD will be deemed insufficient for lack of identification and explanation. The applicant will be notified of the defects and the application will remain in the status of a new application awaiting action in its regular turn. The applicant will be given a time period of one month, without any extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a), to perfect the petition.

If applicant wishes to cite references that are not required in an AESD for the examiner to consider, applicant may submit such references in a separate IDS in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98. Applicant should clearly identify the IDS of the AESD that is in support of the petition to make special and, similarly, applicant should clearly identify the separate IDS that is not in support of the petition. Consistent with 37 CFR §10.18, any reference submitted in a separate IDS that is not part of an AESD will be treated as a representation by applicant to the USPTO that no reference submitted in the separate IDS is deemed closer to the subject matter of at least one claim than the references provided in the AESD.

With respect to the requirements of section II element 6.3 outlined above, the petition fails to provide a detailed explanation of how each one of the claims is patentable over (each of) the reference(s) with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Petitioners should be specific in their explanation and include the identification of specific claim limitations that support their position, where appropriate. Petitioners must distinguish each claim from each piece of prior art cited. General statements that the claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited references or that the references are not properly combinable will not be acceptable. The Office cannot infer or guess what petitioner believes the differences between the claims and the teachings of the prior art to be. Petitioner's statements must also be consistent and must be related to the claim language. The requirement of section II element 6.3 can be satisfied by indicating for each one of the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) which specific i.e., discrete limitation(s) in each one of said presently filed claims define(s) over each one of the most closely related references that is cited. With regard to each dependent claim, there should be an unequivocal statement whether the patentability of each dependent claim is predicated solely on that of the claim from which it depends (e.g., "Dependent claim X is patentable solely because of the limitations of the claims from which it depends" - will suffice), or Applicant should provide a detailed explanation of patentability specific to that particular claim (only if the claim recites new limitations that further define over the prior art). This patentability showing should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. Patentability arguments must specifically spell out the relevant limitation(s); prior art patents can be referred to by the last name of the first inventor. Statements such as "Reference A does not teach limitation II(b)" must be avoided.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.4 outlined above, the petition fails to identify a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims. A general statement directed to the overall concept of the invention is not specifically relating the utility to each of the independent claims as is required by the policy. Petitioner should concisely reference each independent claim specifically when discussing the utility of the invention.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.5 outlined above, the requirements of this section are not met because lack of specificity. A grantable petition requires petitioner to provide a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. The instant petition only identifies figures and portions of text with respect to claim numbers as opposed to the disclosure of the required claim limitations, addressed individually for each limitation in each claim. The

requirement of section II element 6.5 can be satisfied by listing verbatim all the presently filed claims (by "copy and paste") and by indicating where the instant application (and separately each one of the priority documents – if applicable) teaches each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) in each one of said presently filed claims, by indicating the element number and/or the relevant page and line numbers. If the application(s) for which domestic priority is claimed is/are identical to the present application, a statement to this effect in lieu to the required mapping is acceptable. Applicant's attention is also drawn to the requirements relevant under 35 U.S.C 112, 6th paragraph, listed above. Should this requirement not apply to the present application, Applicant should make a statement in this regard.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address all of the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4828. In his absence, an inquiry can be directed to J. Harrison, Special Program Examiner, at 571 272-4449.

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In re Application of: ABOU EL KHEIR, TAREK AHMED NABIL Serial No.: 12/185082 Filed: August 02, 2008 Title: MULTI-PURPOSE MINIMALLY INVASIVE INSTRUMENT THAT USES A MICRO ENTRY PORT	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

A decision dismissing the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination was mailed on September 23, 2008. The decision set a non-extendable time period of one month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, from its mailing date to correct the deficiency/deficiencies in the petition.

Review of the electronic record presently reflects an incomplete response was received by the office on October 24, 2008, and a complete one on October 27, 2008. However, these responses were received via fax, and not filed via EFS web. No statement that EFS-Web was unavailable at the time of filing accompanies the paper. Accordingly, the application is no longer eligible for the accelerated examination program.

Accelerated examination is a procedure under which upon grant of petition the examination of an application may be expeditiously conducted, with a goal of completed examination within a 12 month time period. In order to meet the 12-month goal, an applicant will be required to provide additional information with the petition for AE, and comply with revised procedures throughout the examination process, to assist the examiner in expeditiously arriving at a final disposition. As is outlined in the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) notice, certain conditions must be met in order for the petition to be considered grantable. One requirement for accelerated examination is that the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours (Part I, 3). <u>As any request for reconsideration of the petition after dismissal is part of the petition, such requests must also be filed via EFS web.</u> This requirement eliminates the delay in processing and scanning of paper responses which, in turn, provides critical time for examination should the petition ultimately be granted. Further, this position is distinguishable from the statements later in the policy which notes if any reply or other papers (filed in response to an office action – part IV *Reply by Applicant*) are not filed via

EFS-Web, the final disposition of the application may occur later than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Success of the program is predicated upon timely granting of the petition so that the maximum amount of time is left for examination. Once granted, should applicant decide to slow the prosecution via filing of responses via paper, the office can no longer guarantee the promised time frames. However, prior to being granted into the program, all papers: the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web.

The application will remain in its regular status and will be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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In re Application of: Jeffrey Campbell Serial No.: 12/185,099 Filed: August 3, 2008 Docket No.: AST-005 Title: SENSOR FOR MEASURING MOISTURE AND SALINITY	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 3, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1638.

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DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 6, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request was signed by Dale Lischer on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 25461All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 25461 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below.

In order to request or take action in a patent matter, the assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

There are no pending Office actions at the present time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 05/06/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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In re Application of: NASTACIO, DENILSON Serial No.: 12/185,175 Filed: August 4, 2008 Docket: RSW920080230US1 Title: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR DYNAMIC CREATION OF SYMPTOM DATABASES FROM SOCIAL BOOKMARKS	:: :: : ::	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 4, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I.1–I.4, II.5.1, II.5.3, II.6.1, II.6.4, II.6.5, and II.6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II.5.2, II.6.2 and II.6.3 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and items II.5.2 above, the preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims.

Based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following class and subclass (where the application has been classified and docketed) is recommended in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: Class 715, subclass 206 (Hyperlink organization (e.g., grouping, bookmarking, etc.) for subject matter related to the bookmarking of a webpage.

With respect to the database searches, the claim limitations some of which have been identified as patentable features distinguishing the claimed invention from the cited prior art (such as bookmarking a webpage comprising a solution to a problem, defining a bookmark, editing a bookmark field to characterize a solution by at least one of a text or numeric identifier, automatically storing the bookmark in at least one symptom database as recited in claim 1) or any search terms covering these limitations do not appear to have been included in the search. Petitioner should review all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarifications if deemed necessary.

With respect to the search logic identified, and in particular with respect to the instant claim, the text search appears to be incomplete. It is recommended that the following search terms be included in an updated search. Such example search terms (shown below) should be searched in singular or in combination:

(tag$3 bookmark$3) with (document webpage page)

(tag$3 bookmark$3) with (document webpage page) with (edit$3 modif$6)

((tag$3 bookmark$3) with (document webpage page)) and ((id identifier) with (classif$6 categor$6 catalog$3))

(tag$3 bookmark$3) with (document webpage page) with (stor$3 catalog$3) with (database storage catalog library)

((tag$3 bookmark$3) with (document webpage page)) and (problem solution diagnos$3 symptom$4)

The default proximity operator is OR, the other proximity operators used in EAST are: "adj", "near", "with", and "same".

Note that the above list of terms and synonyms are not meant to be an exhaustive list, merely an example of various terms and synonyms that can be used to produce a more comprehensive prior art search. Nor should these examples be limited only to those sets of search terms provided. Each search term used should be evaluated for applicable synonyms.

Finally, based on the subject matter of the instant, a search is recommended in the following NPL databases:

ACM
IEEE

The additional search recommendations were confirmed with and recommended by a (primary) examiner in the pertinent art area.

The petitioner should review the Detailed Explanation of Patentability section in view of any updated search and/or clarifications and provide clarifications, as necessary, to ensure compliance with the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item 6.3 above.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(2) and item 6.2 above, the Petitioner should provide an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Specifically, the Petitioner has not provided **an identification of each limitation in the claim**. The Petitioner has generally stated what each of the cited references teach, but has not clearly mapped those teachings to corresponding claim limitations. The Petitioner should provide a claim-by-claim mapping of the pertinent subject matter disclosed in each of the references, **specifically identifying each claim limitation and corresponding disclosure within the reference, citing to specific relevant portions of each reference. Any reference which teaches any portion of a claim limitation must be so identified even if the reference does not teach the entirety of the limitation**. Correction is required.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item 6.3 above, the Petitioner should provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Specifically, Petitioner should ensure that the above discussion is directed to how the language of the claim is **specifically** distinguishable and patentable from each of the references provided in requirement 6.1 above, ***rather than to repeat essentially the entirety of the claim***. The office cannot infer or guess what Petitioner believes the differences between the claim and the teaching of the prior art to be. Furthermore, it would be difficult to conclude that the pre-examination search was directed to the claimed invention if essentially none of the claimed limitations were found in the prior art deemed "most closely related" by Petitioner. Clarification is required.

Specifically, the Petitioner has recited the entirety of the claim on page 4 as not being taught by the cited references. It appears the underlined portions of the claims are what the Petitioner is relying on as not taught by the cited references; however, this is not clearly stated in section 9C. Further, it appears that several of the underlined portions are taught by the cited references as indicated in section 9B. For instance, both Bachman and Boeglin appear to disclose all of

limitations (a)-(d) according to section 9B. Therefore, it is not clear which features are believed to be patentable when the entirety of the claim appears to be taught by the cited references. Clarification and correction is required.

Thus, the petition does not meet the conditions II.5.2, II.6.2 and II.6.3 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3719.

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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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In re Application of: DENILSON NASTACIO Serial No.: 12/185,175 Filed: August 4, 2008 Docket: RSW920080230US1 Title: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR DYNAMIC CREATION OF SYMPTOM DATABASES FROM SOCIAL BOOKMARKS	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on March 26, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the following conditions must be satisfied:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.
4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.
5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

The application as filed is not eligible for the accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) because the petition fails to meet conditions II.6.2 and II.6.3.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(2) and item 6.2, the Petitioner should provide **an identification of the limitations in the claims** that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the reference. Specifically, the Petitioner has not provided **an identification of each limitation in the claim disclosed by the reference**. The Petitioner must provide a claim by claim mapping of the pertinent subject matter disclosed in the references by **identifying each claim limitation** and corresponding disclosure in the reference, citing the specific relevant portions of that reference in order to comply with item 6.2. In the revised support document, petitioner has provided more specific references to disclosure within the reference documents. However, the revised support document does not clearly identify each claim limitation believed to be disclosed in the respective cited portions of the references, because the support document does not refer to claim limitations using language from the claims, and it is not readily apparent from the support document which claim limitations correspond to each cited portion of the references. Therefore the updated support document fails to meet the requirement under item 6.2 above.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item 6.3, CFR § 1.111 (c) states in part "the applicant or patent owner must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited." The petitioner must <u>specifically</u> properly <u>compare/contrast</u> the claimed invention with respect to the relevant teachings in the prior art in the identified references, and point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited.

The Petitioner does not specifically point out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the teachings of the references both singularly and **in combination** which does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.111(b). Although the Petitioner states each of the references fail to teach some of the limitations, the Petitioner does not appear to consider what teachings the combination of references may disclose or what well known features in the art may disclose. Specifically, Petitioner appears to assert that the patentable novelty is in the use of a bookmark and naming a bookmark. However, the statement of patentability does \not include any explanation as to why this feature would not be obvious in view of the references discussed and the well known use of bookmarks.

Thus, the Petitioner has not clearly articulated the distinctions between the claimed invention and the prior art both singularly and in combination distinguishing the language of the claims from the references. The Petitioner has provided a piecemeal analysis of each of the references individually without considering the combination of the references or features that were well known in the art. Therefore, the updated support document does not comply with the requirement of item 6.3 above.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is denied.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3719.

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This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 3, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an executed declaration and required fees; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the Notice mailed August 14, 2008, is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

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In re application of Koji Taguchi Application No.: 12/185,228 Filed: August 4, 2008 For: DRIVING SCHEDULE CREATING DEVICE	: DECISION ON REQUEST TO : PARTICIPATE IN PATENT : PROSECUTION HIGHWAY : PROGRAM AND PETITION : TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER : 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed March 12, 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of the Office action from the JPO application just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" (e.g., the latest "Notification of Reasons for Refusal") from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claims that are the basis for the request along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program complies with the above requirements. Therefore, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Teri P. Luu at 571-272-7045. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/185,252
Filed: August 4, 2008
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DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed December 18, 2008.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request was signed by Michael J. Bujold, Gary D. Clapp, Scott A. Daniel and Jay S. Franklin on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents associated have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first named signing inventor Michael Kenney at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

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